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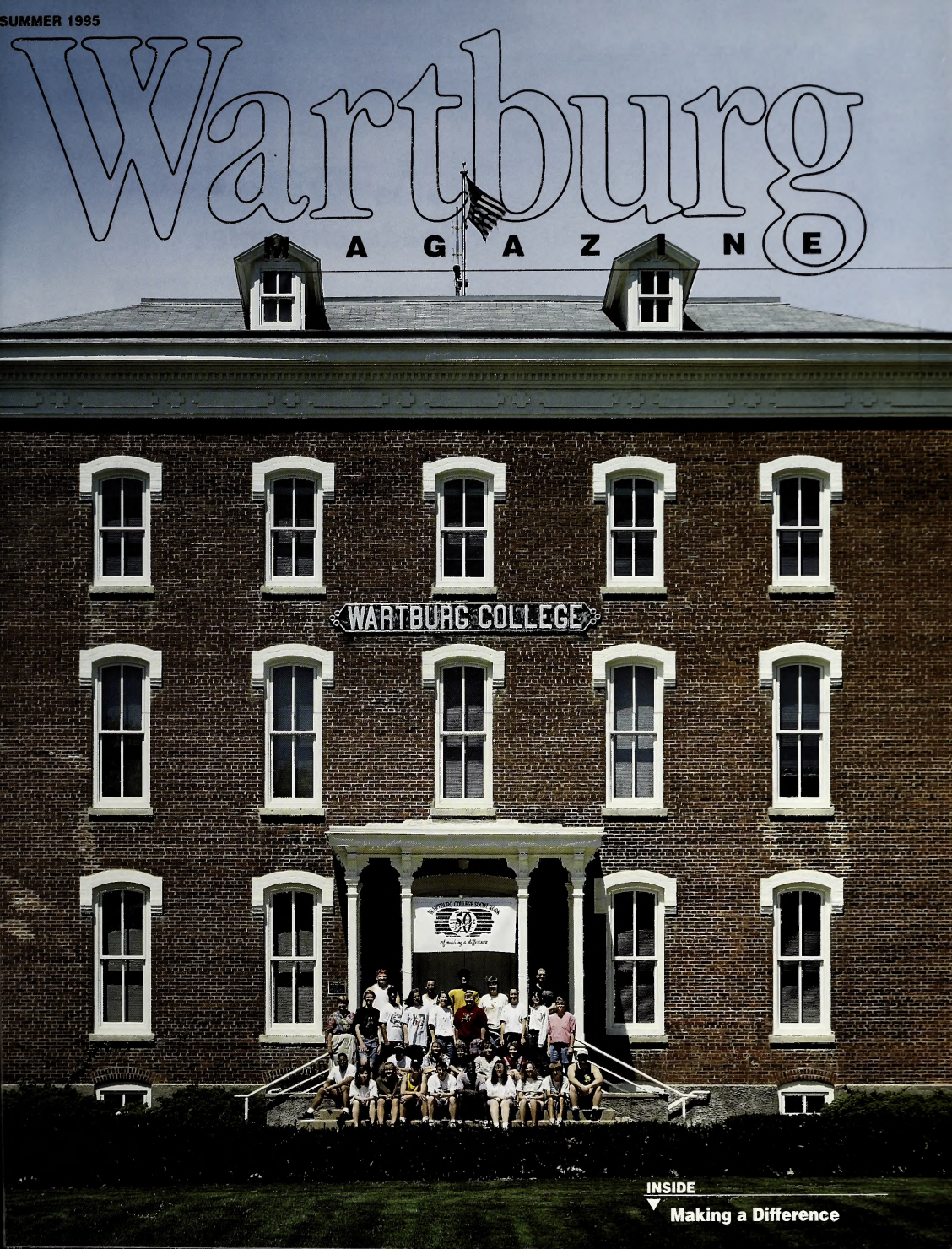

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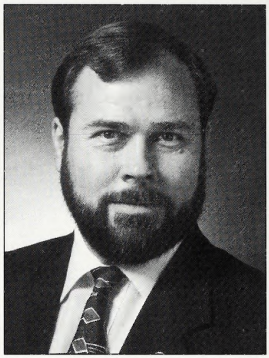
Social work graduates combine service, leadership roles



Preparation of outstanding clinicians, advocates, and leaders in human service fields has been a hallmark of the Wartburg College Social Work Department for 50 years. The program has created a strong sense of advocacy and citizenship in its graduates, who have served vulnerable people through virtually every helping role. This sense of responsibility to improve the human condition, somehow instilled through the Wartburg experience, has provided much of the leadership and direction for social ministry organizations of the Lutheran Church and other human service agencies.

In a recent month, I attended meetings of Lutheran social ministry organization CEOs, the Iowa Coalition of Child and Family Service Agencies, and a workshop for institutional chaplains. Wartburg alumni, particularly social work alumni, are prominent in each of these leadership arenas. They are as diverse as the other participants. They come from different places and backgrounds. They represent a cross section of age, sex, race, and political persuasion. Yet among them, there is something commonly unique. What is it about the Wartburg experience that has produced so many caring people?

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Perhaps it is the Wartburg community's acceptance and welcome for new faces. Maybe it is the respect for new or different ideas or the tolerance of divergent points of view. Or could it be what Wartburg students bring with them? How about the people who teach and prod and guide them through the maze of formative college years? Is it the tradition of Martin Luther advocating for the common person? Is it the unapologetic connection to the church and all of its parts? Could it simply be tradition?

All of these and many more factors give Wartburg College good reason to be in the business of preparing leaders for the future. The history, tradition, experience, and future of the social work program are very much a part of the Wartburg experience—grounded in the Gospel, integrally connected to the church, and focused on service to others.

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Posing with the Prez

Several members of the Class of '95 surround President Robert Vogel for a rendition of the loyalty song after Wartburg's Baccalaureate service May 21. With Vogel, from left, are Lisa Sandman, Belmond, Iowa; Maia Bork, Iowa City, Iowa; Heather McClintock, Independence, Iowa; Kerry Hertel, Waverly; Kristen Capel, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Kristen Meier, Manson, Iowa; and Jodi Peterson, Dunlap, Iowa.

About the cover

Students join Professor Susan Vallem '66 on the steps of Old Main to display a banner celebrating the Social Work Department's 50th anniversary year. Anniversary events will begin Oct. 20, when the college hosts a professional social work conference. Old Main is the home of the Social Work and Education departments.

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Graven remembered for service to college

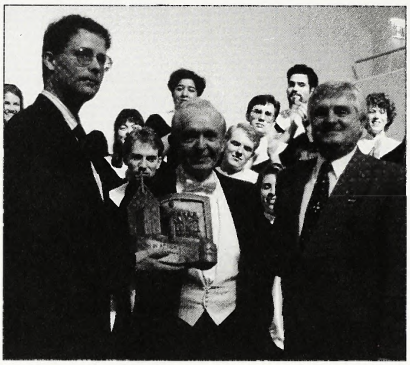
Helen T. Graven, 93, of Minneapolis, Minn., formerly of Greene, Iowa, died March 24 of a stroke.

She served 14 years on the Wartburg College Board of Regents and was cited by the college in 1987 for her contributions to the college and her community.

A native of Minneapolis, she earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1922 and later completed course work for a master's degree in child welfare. She taught at a Methodist boarding school for girls in Madras, India, from 1922 to 1925. In 1926, she married Henry N. Graven, who later served for many years as the U.S. District Court Judge for the northern district of Iowa. He died in 1970.

She maintained an active interest in the college and was present for five of the six annual Judge Henry N. and Helen T. Graven Award presentations. Established by the Graven family, the award recognizes outstanding Christian lay persons.

Alumni survivors include two sons, Dr. Stanley Graven '53 and Lloyd Graven '58, a daughter-in-law, Mavis Johnson '55 Graven, and a granddaughter, Dr. Nadine Graven '79.



Noble honored

Weston Noble, center, director of the Luther College Nordic Choir since 1948, received this year's Graven Award for outstanding Christian lay work. The award was presented by U.S. Air Force Major Kendall Graven, left, of Anchorage, Alaska, representing the Graven family, and President Robert Vogel, right, representing the college. The Nordic Choir, in the background, performed a concert in the Wartburg Chapel as part of the ceremony.

New seats part of auditorium renovation

The first new seats in Neumann Auditorium since the building opened in 1960 will provide extra comfort for Wartburg College audiences this fall.

The old seats, removed after Commencement, have found new homes in what plant superintendent John Wuertz '73 likened to a game of "musical flip-up seats."

Wuertz said about 600 seats and the carpet runners went to a theater in Hampton, Iowa. The remaining seats will be used in the New London, Iowa, high school auditorium. New London sent its old seats to a school in New Sharon, Iowa.

Dr. Ronald Matthias '54, vice president for adminstration and finance, said seating will be reconfigured to make the auditorium more functional as a large lecture hall. The front half of the main floor will be arranged in continental style, with no center aisles. Those seats will be equipped with tablet arms.

Matthias said seating in the balcony and in the rear half of the main floor will be similar to the old arrangement. The new plan also provides space for wheelchairs.

Roomier seats and more space between seats on the main floor will reduce the auditorium's seating capacity from 1,360 to just over 1,200.

The project also includes new paint, brighter lights for the lecture area, additional stage lighting, new floor covering, new stage curtains, and removal of asbestos. The auditorium will be equipped with a satellite downlink and electronic connections to the rest of the campus.

Cost of the auditorium renovation is estimated at $260,000. Dr. Richard Torgerson, vice president for development, said the college is still accepting gifts toward the project. A new seat costs $200.

Tribute recognizes Diers

Dr. Herman '49 and Dorothy '48 Diers received a gift they won't get to keep as a remembrance from the Wartburg Religion Department. The department presented the Diers with a stained-glass dove during an Ash Wednesday chapel service March 1. It hangs in the main entry of the Wartburg Chapel to remind the campus community of Herman Diers' role as "Pastor, Professor, Prophet, and Peacemaker" during his 34-year career at Wartburg. He and Dorothy retired in 1993 and now live in Tacoma, Wash. Ann Bock, a Wartburg Bookstore employee and stained glass artist, created the gift.

Artist Series will celebrate 75th anniversary

The Wartburg College Artist Series will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a 1995-96 season that includes music, drama, and dance.

Dr. Franklin Williams, Artist Series director, says the series continues to offer fine entertainment at reasonable prices. A season ticket, which includes one ticket to each performance, ranges from $30 to $50, with a 10 percent discount for early orders.

A season brochure and order form will be mailed in late August. Persons who wish to be included on the mailing list should contact Karen Funk at the Wartburg Visitors Center, 319-352-8286 or 1-800-772-2085, ext. 8286.

• ***The Butch Thompson Trio***
Friday, Oct. 6

Jazz pianist and clarinetist Butch Thompson, bassist Robbie Schlosser, and drummer Hal Smith will perform jazz, blues, ragtime, and pops. The trio is known across America from its long run on *A Prairie Home Companion.*

• ***An Italian Straw Hat***
Monday, Oct. 30

The National Theatre of the Deaf creates a fast-paced evening of comedy in this classic French farce. Enjoy a rollicking evening of fun as a horse with a taste for hats stops a wedding and starts a wild romp through Paris.

• ***Beauty & the Beast***
Thursday, Feb. 8

Musicals America offers a new adaptation of the legendary story of a beautiful young woman and a monstrous creature transformed by the power of her love. This production for the whole family features a pop-rock score and large cast.

• ***Obo Addy's Okropong***
Tuesday, March 26

World-renowned master drummer Obo Addy and a company of musicians and dancers present a program based on the past and present music of Africa.

The Rev. Robert Gremmels '52, retired journalism professor, has written a book on the history of the Artist Series. It will be released this fall.

Graduates receive MAAC Awards

Fourteen members of the Class of '95 received Appreciation Awards from the Minority Alumni Advisory Committee during a May banquet at the Red Fox Inn in Waverly. Making the presentations were MAAC co-chairs Johgina Densmore '86 of Chicago, far left, and Marvin Spencer '88 of Waterloo, second from left, and Board of Regents member Tom Zackery '73 of Rochester, Minn., far right.

Students receiving awards, from left, were Cartina Peppers of Waterloo, Iowa; Alex Phanivong of Cedar Falls, Iowa; David Edwards of Bayonne, N.J.; Loring Wilson of Beloit, Wis.; John Poplawski of Bayonne, N.J.; Zane Braggs of Dallas, Texas; Kevin Prymer of Waterloo, Iowa; and Venus Stacks of Chicago, Ill. Not present for the picture were Brandon Adams of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Justine Kavle and Holly Kilborn of Waterloo, Iowa; Jesse Molinar of Johnstown, Colo.; Keo Phoungdavong of Mounds View, Minn.; and Angela Wilgus of Augusta, Ga.

Faculty promotions, tenure approved

Four faculty members received promotions in academic rank, and two were awarded tenure at the Board of Regents February meeting.

Dr. Fredric Waldstein '74 was promoted to full professor of political science. Promoted from assistant to associate professor were Dr. Peggy Tilgner, biology; Kim Folkers, marketing; and Dr. Janice Wade, music. Tilgner and Folkers also were awarded tenure.

Folkers and Dr. Janice Yee, assistant professor of economics, will co-direct Wartburg's global and multicultural studies program. They succeed Dr. Janet Metzger, who resigned at the end of the 1994-95 year.

Dr. Cheryl Budlong will replace Dr. Leslie Huth '58 as chair of the Education Department. Huth, who has chaired the department since joining the faculty in 1986, will be on sabbatical during the 1995-96 Winter Term.

COURTYARD—The skyway between the Fine Arts Center and the Wartburg Chapel forms a gateway to the campus from the south. The sidewalks lead to the center of the Campus Courtyard, where a sculpture will be unveiled as part of Opening Convocation ceremonies this fall.

NEW BUILDING—The exterior of the Classroom Technology Center is nearly finished, and a skyway linking it to the Wartburg Chapel is under construction. The building, which is connected to Luther Hall, will open this fall, providing state-of-the-art technology for teaching and learning.

College buys adjoining land

Wartburg has purchased 75 acres of farmland on the northwest edge of the campus for possible future expansion.

The property is a portion of what was formerly the Niewohner farm. It is located on the west side of 12th Street Northwest. Immediately south of site are Regents Park, Hertel Field, and lots for student parking.

Dr. Ronald Matthias '54, vice president for administration and finance, said the college has no immediate plans for the property and will continue to rent out the land and a house on the site.

Courtyard sculpture will be unveiled Sept. 7

Wartburg will unveil a new sculpture in the Campus Courtyard and award an honorary doctorate to the Lord Mayor of Eisenach, Germany, at Opening Convocation Thursday, Sept. 7.

St. Francis, a work by Minnesota sculptor Paul Granlund, will be unveiled at 9:30 a.m. as part of a grand opening of the Courtyard and South Campus Entrance. Granlund will speak on "The Wonder of It All" following the unveiling.

The college will present an honorary Doctor of Laws and Literature degree to Dr. Hans-Peter Brodhun, mayor of Eisenach since 1991. Brodhun will speak at a meeting of the President's Round Table the same day. He was Wartburg's Opening Convocation speaker in 1992, when Waverly and Eisenach formalized a Sister City relationship.

In Eisenach, Brodhun has promoted the interests of cleaner air, historic preservation, a government of law, and a focus on possibilities for the future. He has an earned doctorate in biology from the University of Jena, one of two German universities with which Wartburg maintains exchange agreements.

The Granlund sculpture is a gift from Father J. David Pepper, former priest at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly, Mike and Ann Sheehan, and the Rev. Larry '66 and Lois Reyelts '66 Trachte, all of Waverly.

It will be a visual centerpiece in the Courtyard between Luther Hall, the Classroom Technology Center, the Wartburg Chapel, and the Fine Arts Center.

Carver Trust approves grant to equip new Wartburg classroom

A $102,000 grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust of Muscatine, Iowa, will equip an interactive video classroom in Wartburg's new Classroom Technology Center.

Fiber-optic technology in the new classroom will enable students and faculty to access the resources of the Iowa Communications Network. The network provides television, video-conferencing, data, image, audio, and voice communication capabilities with educational and governmental resources throughout the state.

According to Dr. Richard Torgerson, vice president for development, this is Wartburg's first Carver Trust grant. "The Carver Trust has always been a leader in supporting technology in the classroom," he said. "We are honored by this support for a project that will provide new experiences for our students and faculty."

Scheduled for completion this fall, the new building is located immediately south of Luther Hall.

Students honor biology professor

Dr. Ann Henninger, associate professor of biology and chair of the Biology Department, received this year's Student Award for Teaching Excellence. She was the featured speaker at a March 29 convocation, where she advised students to pursue lifelong learning.

"The day you stop learning is the day you die," she said, noting that she has been taking classes ever since she became a teacher.

"That makes being a college teacher ideal," said Henninger, who came to Wartburg in 1983 as registrar and later returned to teaching. "You can learn to keep yourself on top of new developments and have fun at the same time. It broadens one. You have to keep on stretching yourself."

Henninger earned an A.B. degree from Wilson College and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

ENTHUSIASTIC BIOLOGIST—Dr. Ann Henninger, chair of the Biology Department, advises students to be lifelong learners.

Other finalists for the award were Dr. Paul Torkelson '76, associate professor of music; Dr. Daniel Black, assistant professor of physical science; Dr. Peggy Pruisner '75, assistant professor of education; and Dr. Leslie Huth '58, professor of education.

Magazine surveys readers likes, dislikes

Early results from a *Wartburg Magazine* readership survey indicate that readers especially like news about alumni and current campus happenings.

The magazine survey was sent to 1,000 persons randomly selected from the nearly 19,000 alumni, parents, and friends on the magazine's mailing list.

Sherry Bryson, director of college relations, said nearly 300 persons have completed the survey, and responses continue to come in.

The survey asked readers what they liked and disliked about the magazine and what topics they'd like to see more of or less about in each issue. It also asked readers to describe their image of the college based on their reading of the magazine. Responses included such terms as progressive, excellent, growing, and caring.

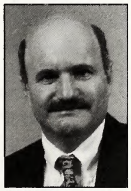
A more complete report will be available once the results are tabulated later this summer.

One reader advised, "Keep your focus on people—graduates who have made an impact on communities, churches, politics, schools, work abroad, or right next door. This is what brings us all together, be it a '95 or '05 graduate."

Three named to endowed chairs, professorships

Three Wartburg faculty members have joined the list of professors named to endowed chairs or distinguished professorships at the college, according to Dr. James Pence, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

Dr. Roy Ventullo, associate professor of biology, holds the Dr. Myrle M. Burk and Vera Burk Will Chair in Biology. Dr. William Shipman, professor of business administration and economics, has been appointed Carl and Dorothy Hagemann Professor in Business. Dr. David Hampton, professor of chemistry, is the Ralph E. Otto Professor in Chemistry.



Ventullo

Ventullo joined the faculty in 1994. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York at Brockport and his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. The Burk Chair was established through a gift from the late Dr. Myrle M. Burk and her sister, Vera Burk Will.

Shipman came to Wartburg in 1972 and was named Professor of the Year in 1984. He earned a bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University in Ohio and completed his master's degree and doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh. He was named to the professorship established by the late Carl and Dorothy Hagemann of Waverly.

Shipman

Hampton has been at Wartburg since since 1962. He graduated from St. Olaf College, earned a master's degree at the University of North Dakota, and completed his doctorate at Purdue University. He was named to the professorship established by Dr. Ralph Otto '63, a thoracic surgeon from Winnetka, Ill.

Hampton

October Futures Project to focus on technology

John McChesney, technology reporter for National Public Radio, will give the keynote address at Wartburg's third annual Future Project, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 9 and 10. Theme of the event is "The Future and Technology," and all sessions are open to the public.

McChesney will speak at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9 in Neumann Auditorium. Prior to the speech, at 7 p.m., the college will dedicate the new Classroom Technology Center.

Events planned for Tuesday, Oct. 10, include several 9:30 a.m. sessions dealing with aspects of technology. Topics include distance learning, technology's impact on community, technology and the law, technology's effect on scientific challenges, and technology, the arts, and creativity.

The Tuesday morning sessions also will offer demonstrations and opportunities to use music notation software and computer simulation games. Following the 9:30 a.m. sessions, Steven Gilbert, director of technology projects for the American Association for Higher Education, will present a workshop on technology and higher education.

The Wartburg Art Gallery is sponsoring a juried art exhibition, "Art and Technology," during the Futures Project and into October.

Lee makes last stand with Wartburg Band

The irrepressible Dr. Robert E. Lee retired in the spring after 37 years as director of bands at Wartburg.

"This has not been a job for me," Lee says of his music career. "It's been more like a hobby."

He plans to continue in music as a performer with his brother-in-law, Dr. Dale Everson of Shell Rock, Iowa, and he says he hopes to attend at least a half-dozen jazz festivals every year. A book also is a possibility.

LAST STAND—Dr. Robert E. Lee's last tour with the Wartburg College Concert Band headed south, where a Civil War general with the same name is well known. Band members designed a T-shirt for the trip that featured a photo of Lee and his music stand, designating the tour as "Dr. Robert E. Lee's Last Stand." This photo was taken at the director's last home concert.

Lee came to Wartburg at the beginning of the second semester in 1958. He served as chair of the Music Department from 1968 to 1970.

He was named one of the 10 outstanding educational conductors in the United States and Canada by *The School Musician* magazine. In 1980, he received the Carlos Sperati Award from Luther College, his alma mater, in recognition of his distinguished accomplishments in the musical arts.

Before coming to Wartburg, Lee taught at Madison, Mt. Horeb, and Trempeleau, Wis., and New Richland, Minn. He graduated from Luther in 1950 and earned his M.A. degree at the University of Wisconsin in 1956. He completed a Ph.D. degree at the University of Iowa in 1966 and has done postdoctoral work at the University of Minnesota.

Many former band members attended Lee's last Wartburg concert April 23 and greeted him afterward at a reception organized by members of this year's band.

College benefactor dies in Indiana

Irene List Saemann of Warsaw, Ind., a longtime college benefactor, died April 27 at St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend, Ind., where she had been a patient for six weeks. She didn't live long enough to see the opening of the new Grossmann Hall, a project funded by the Saemann Foundation and named in honor of her grandfather, Georg Grossmann, the first president of Wartburg College.

She was born in Waverly, the youngest of Paulus and Emma Grossmann List's seven children. The family moved to Chicago when her father became head of the Lutheran Publication House. She was a graduate of Augustana Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago.

She married Franklin I. Seamann in 1935 and together they traveled around the world on business as his orthopedic equipment firm prospered. Through the F.I. Saemann Foundation, they supported many civic and church projects in Warsaw and at Wartburg College. Their generosity funded the college's Saemann Chair for Global and Multicultural Studies, the new residence hall, and the F. I. Saemann Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Irene was the last surviving sibling in the List family. Her husband died in 1987.

Students get firsthand look at state, local government

Seventeen Wartburg students got an up-close look at state and local government and at one of the poorest communities in the nation as part of a May Term class in State and Local Government.

According to Dr. Fred Waldstein '74, course instructor, the May Term format allowed his students to spend two-and-a-half days in East St. Louis, Ill., and a day at the Iowa Capitol in Des Moines, where legislators were concluding their annual session.

In East St. Louis, students witnessed the absence of basic public services and volunteered in service projects as a way of learning about community development.

"Meetings with various public officials helped students appreciate the political and economic complexities of addressing social problems in a community with so many needs," Waldstein said.

In Des Moines, students met with Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and other state officials.

Study of local government included sessions with Waverly city officials, school district officials, county supervisors, a district court judge, a hospital administrator, and the police chief.

During the four-week May Term, students take just one class and frequently participate in off-campus experiences throughout the United States and abroad.

"May Term passes rapidly and the learning curve is steep when utilized to its full advantage," Waldstein noted.

SERVICE LEARNING—Brian Foelske '97 hands shingles to classmate Jeremy Brummond '98 as they participate in a community service project in East St. Louis, Ill. Foelske of Janesville, Iowa, and Brummond of New Hampton, Iowa, were taking a May Term class in State and Local Government.

Bachman to autograph book

Dr. John Bachman, president of Wartburg College from 1964 to 1974, will autograph copies of his latest book during Wartburg's Homecoming weekend.

The book signing is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, outside the Wartburg Bookstore.

Bachman says the book, *Together in Hope: 50 Years of Lutheran World Relief,* "strikes chords with many women and men who have provided food, clothing, or money for the overseas ventures of the Lutheran agency."

It was published by Kirk House in Minneapolis, Minn., whose publisher and majority owner is Leonard Flachman '58.

Bachman and his wife, Elsie '74, live in Minneapolis.

Symphony to present commissioned work

The Wartburg Community Symphony's 1995-96 concert season will feature the world premiere of a commissioned work.

According to Dr. Janice Wade, music director and conductor, the Symphony Association commissioned Iowa composer Linda Robbins-Coleman to create a work celebrating the Iowa Sesquicentennial. It will be presented at the orchestra's March 23 concert.

Theme of the 1995-96 season is "It's About Time," with the first concert set for the Saturday evening of Homecoming weekend. All concerts will be held in Neumann Auditorium.

Individual concert tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for students. Special rates are available for groups of 10 or more.

Season memberships begin at $25 for individuals and $40 for families. Six other levels, providing more substantial funding for symphony operations, begin at $50, $75, $125, $250, $500, and $1,000.

A brochure outlining the concert season will be mailed in August. Those who wish to be added to the mailing list should contact Karen Funk at the Wartburg Visitors Center, 319-352-8286.

1995-96 Wartburg Community Symphony Concert Dates

- Saturday, Oct. 21, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, March 23, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, May 11, 8 p.m.

Outstanding Seniors have Wartburg families

The three students named Outstanding Seniors for the 1994-95 academic year are children of Wartburg alumni.

Selected by academic areas were Andrew W. Haussmann of Bloomsburg, Pa., physical sciences; Heidi Schafer of New Providence, Iowa, social sciences; and J. Christopher Warmanen of Crystal Falls, Mich., humanities. They were chosen from 31 outstanding seniors named by the college's academic departments.

Warmanen, Schafer, and Haussmann

Haussmann is the son of the Rev. Walt '67 and Leah Nelson '67 Haussmann and the grandson of the late Dr. Elmer Nelson '32. A chemistry major with a biology minor, he was one of two students cited as outstanding seniors in chemistry.

Last summer, he did research at Kansas State University through the National Science Foundation Undergraduate Research Program. During the summer of 1993, he was a research intern at the University of Minnesota's Hormel Institute in Austin, Minn. He has been accepted into medical school at Pennsylvania State University, Hershey, Pa.

Schafer was named an outstanding senior in foreign language and political science. She majored in Spanish studies and political science. She is the daughter of Lou and Judith Petersen '71 Schafer.

While at Wartburg, she completed a term of study at the Universidad de Tarapaca in Arica, Chile, and a month at a language institute in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

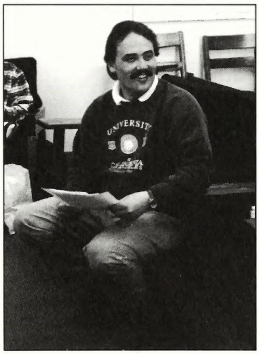
She was president of the International Club and Spanish Club and a volunteer with the Cedar Valley Friends of the Family. She also has been active in drama, leadership education, women's studies, student government, handicapped bowling, and campus ministry.

Warmanen majored in communication arts and business administration with emphases in public relations and marketing. He is the son of the Rev. J. Cyrus and Ruth Gerdes '69 Warmanen.

He was editor of the campus student newspaper as a junior and a writer in the College Relations Office. He was active in the Wartburg Concert Band, the Wartburg Community Symphony, drama, student government, and speech team.

Teaching provides opportunity to share practical experience

Dr. Joseph R. Gianesin, Assistant Professor of Social Work



Why I Teach...

I began teaching part-time in higher education about 10 years ago in an undergraduate social work program at the University of Southern Colorado. After the very first class, I realized that teaching is what I wanted to do full time.

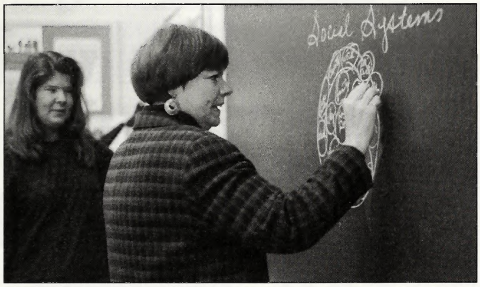
Teaching provided an opportunity to share my social work practice experiences in an academic context. I noticed that in my day-to-day practice, I used a variety of social work techniques without thinking why I did them. Teaching offered the vehicle to dissect and analyze my practice. I began to understand why my practice was based on a viable code of ethics, a systems approach, and strong clinical theory. I make an effort to demonstrate these connections to my students through examples and case histories. This approach enables them to get firsthand experiences from the field.

Social work education has always seen the value in combining the field experience with the theoretical base. Many of my students, don't appreciate the value in the theory and practice classes until their senior year, when they are placed in an agency full time. In a sense, my job is to cultivate their readiness to meet the challenges of an ever-changing and demanding environment of human services. My satisfaction comes when a student is placed in an agency and reports back that the theory and practice exercises we performed in the classroom were well suited to the requirements of the job.

Gianesin came to Wartburg last fall after teaching undergraduate and graduate social work courses at the University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo, and Chapman University, Colorado Springs. He completed a Ph.D. degree in educational leadership and administration at the University of Denver earlier this year. He earned a B.A. in sociology and social welfare from Colorado State University and a Master of Social Work degree from UCLA.

Students hooked me on teaching social work

Susan Kosche Vallem '66, Associate Professor of Social Work, Chair of the Social Work Department



I think I have been called to teach. I love teaching and the people with whom I work.

Teaching allows me to engage in two of my passions: education and social work. Teaching requires the teacher to become a lifelong learner. To be effective, I must keep up to date on changes in the social work profession and in educational pedagogy. Teaching allows me to learn from colleagues and students. Teaching social work allows me to share my first calling of social work and to continue a life of service. As an educator, I can share with others what I have learned from the profession and from clients in my nearly 30 years of practice. As often happens, the teacher becomes the learner.

Why do I keep teaching? Like many social workers, I changed jobs every four to five years before I began teaching. I first taught for four years at the University of Northern Iowa, and I have now been at Wartburg for eight years. I'm hooked.

It is primarily the students who hooked me on this profession. Wartburg students are very special. They demonstrate academic ability, but also a willingness to prepare for lives of service. They unashamedly want to help people. Thanks to them and to the support I receive from my colleagues, Wartburg alumni, the community, and social service agencies, I continue to enjoy my role as a social work educator.

Vallem graduated from Wartburg with a major in social work and earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Iowa in 1981. She is completing an Ed.D. degree at the University of Northern Iowa. Her past experience includes directing social service programs at Bartels Lutheran Home and the Waverly Municipal Hospital in Waverly and at Sartori Hospital in Cedar Falls, Iowa. She has also worked as a social work therapist at Bremwood Lutheran Children's Home in Waverly and as a social worker with the Iowa Department of Human Services in Bremer County.

Teaching demands caring, creative response to life

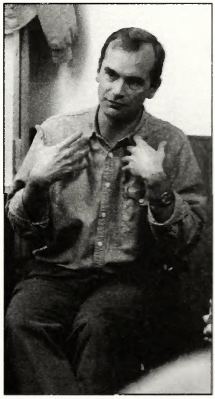
A. Lynn Peters, Assistant Professor of Social Work

My interest in teaching as a profession didn't develop until I was in my 30s. In fact, I can remember wrestling with career decisions as an 18-year-old college student and deciding the two things I didn't want to be were a teacher or a social worker. Obviously, a number of things happened to change my thinking.

A social work career was my personal response to the social injustices I became aware of in the 1970s, especially the widening gap between the "haves" and "have nots." Working to solve the real problems in the world seemed exciting and relevant.

As a professional social worker, I discovered that the aspects of my career I most enjoyed were those that involved teaching, personal growth, and the exchange of ideas. As time passed, I began to more seriously consider the possibility of becoming a social work educator. In 1992, I joined the Wartburg College faculty.

In retrospect, I think my interest in teaching was borne of my love for learning. My parents were both professional educators who placed a high premium on reading and learning, encouraged me to pursue a variety of interests, and always stressed the importance of treating others with respect and dignity. Teaching at Wartburg is fulfilling because it emphasizes these very same values and because it encourages (demands, actually) a caring, creative response to life. It affords me the opportunity to live and work among people who find learning as exciting as I always have. It gives me the chance to witness the same personal growth in others that I value so highly in myself. And it offers the gratification of knowing I have had some part in helping others to recognize and realize their own potential.



Peters earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kansas and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Alabama. He worked for the Nebraska Department on Aging and served as a part-time instructor at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Neb., before joining the Wartburg faculty.

WARTBURG COLLEGE SOCIAL WORK

of making a difference

by Susan Kosche Vallem '66

The 1995-96 year marks the 50th anniversary of the Wartburg College social work program. Established in the 1945-46 academic year as Iowa's first undergraduate degree program in social work, it was the culmination of work begun in the late 1930s by college administrators and faculty members.

At that time, professional social work education took place almost exclusively at the graduate level. Developing an undergraduate program that would meet professional requirements was a bold academic undertaking, but one that seemed well suited to Wartburg's mission and to the needs of its students, the Lutheran church, and society.

Service had always been an important focus for Wartburg, which was founded in 1852 to prepare students for teaching and the ministry. By the time the college made Waverly its permanent home in 1935, the development of a social work program seemed a natural outgrowth of this commitment to Christan service.

Serious discussion about implementing the program began in 1941. Archival materials, mainly from the Educational Policies Committee and faculty meeting minutes, provide most of the historical perspective.

In October of 1941, the Educational Policies Committee discussed a course for social workers "which had been under consideration for some time." At a subsequent meeting in November, Alvin Fritz, professor of psychology and sociology and dean of men, presented a comprehensive report that outlined the church's need for more social workers and the differences between the study of sociology and the study of social work.

The committee concluded that difficulties "still stand in the way of building up the course into a major attraction and advertising it widely, because the national bodies concerned strongly emphasize the necessity of careful personnel selection and because of the requirement of one or two years of graduate work before positions can be secured."

The record went on to say, "Few of our students, particularly women, are able to afford such graduate study."

The Rev. Conrad Becker, then superintendent of the Lutheran Children's Home in Waverly, told the committee

Wartburg College's Social Work Program Celebrates Golden Anniversary

that he supported training Wartburg students in the field of social work. As a social work administrator, he expressed concern about the cost of hiring graduate-level social workers. And he noted that a shortage of qualified professionals had resulted in a number of church and public sector job openings for social workers with undergraduate degrees.

A catalyst in the establishment of an autonomous social work department at Wartburg, Becker later taught Wartburg's first social work course. He became president of the college in 1945, the same year the Social Work Department was established.

After much deliberation in the fall of 1941, the Educational Policies Committee approved a major in sociology and referred the matter of social work back to a subcommittee. While the committee recognized the need for trained social workers, members questioned whether undergraduate training would be viewed as professional social work education.

In the fall of 1943, the college offered its first social work course—Introduction to Social Work—as part of the sociology program. The course description was remarkably similar to the current offering of the same name.

In January 1944, the Educational Policies Committee again took up the discussion of social work. Professor Fritz reported on the continued need for social workers and concluded that Wartburg should regard the training of social workers as important as the training of teachers. The committee concurred and passed a resolution to adopt "an active, aggressive policy in the matter of education for social service."

Fritz and Becker were directed to submit course outlines, and the committee suggested that the director of public relations work on publicity for the program "with all energy." In March 1944, the committee recommended that social services courses be given "the widest possible publicity at church conventions and in Lutheran Church circles."

Social work was first listed as a separate heading under sociology in the 1943-44 Wartburg College catalog. The college also added Social Case Work, a professional-level social work practice course, to the curriculum.

When the 1945-46 academic year opened, social work was a fully autonomous department with its own curriculum—one that closely followed the professional guidelines of the Association of Schools of Social Work. The guidelines required broad liberal arts preprofessional course work as well as a specific professional social work curriculum, including field work.

In 1945, Becker, now President Becker, announced that a new professor, the Rev. Roland Johnson, would "have charge of social work the second semester."

Johnson replaced Professor Fritz, who had resigned earlier that year. The new professor came to Wartburg from Pittsburgh with experience that included work at the Soho Community House and the Allegheny County Juvenile Court. Johnson had also worked at the Bureau of Social Research and the Child and Family Care Division of the Federation of Social Agencies. He was a pastor who also had earned a Master of Social Work degree. He became the college's first assistant professor of social work.

Social work at Wartburg College was on its way. The college publicized this new major through a brochure, "Training for Service in Social Welfare," published in the late 1940s. The brochure began: "Christian social welfare is attracting our youth in increasing numbers."

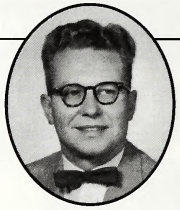
In answer to the question, "What is social work?" the brochure responded: "Social work, in its best sense, is concerned with helping people out of trouble. It seeks to do this by methods which aid people in making their own decisions and their own plans. It is directed toward people helping themselves."

And so it is still today. ■

Dr. C.H. Becker
Wartburg President, 1945-1964.
Becker taught Wartburg's first social work course.

Lola Carpenter Reppert
At Wartburg 1946-1948, 1955-1972.
Reppert lives in Brainerd, Minn.

Melvin A. Bucka
At Wartburg 1949-1954.
A retired social services consultant for the former American Lutheran Church, Bucka lives in Minneapolis, Minn.



Goals listed for new program

When social work was first offered as a major at Wartburg in 1945-46, the college catalog outlined the the following program goals:

- to introduce the student to the problems, methods, and scope of social welfare;
- to provide the necessary background for students interested in pursuing graduate work in an approved institution of the American Association of Schools of Social Work;
- to provide a supply of workers on an undergraduate level who may serve in certain selected areas, in Lutheran Welfare agencies and institutions, and also in other private and public agencies;
- to aid in preparing a group of pastors who will be conversant with the problems of public welfare and especially sensitive to the needs of Lutheran welfare work; and
- to provide service courses for other departments whenever it is felt that by so doing other training programs can be strengthened.

Reppert, Funk, Starr

Perhaps the three individuals most instrumental in the ongoing development of the Wartburg Social Work Department were Lola Carpenter Reppert, Merle Funk '56, and D.D. Starr. Reppert headed the department from 1955 to 1972, Funk from 1972 to 1982, and Starr from 1982 to 1992.

Reppert came to Wartburg early in the history of the department, serving as a part-time instructor in social work from 1946 to 1948. She had earned her bachelor's degree from Grinnell College and completed a Master of Social Work degree at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Before accepting a teaching job at Wartburg, she had been director of the Winneshiek County Child Welfare Services in Decorah, Iowa. During her first two years at Wartburg, she also served as a child welfare consultant and supervisor for the Iowa State Department of Social Welfare.

Reppert left Wartburg to become an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Social Work at the State University of Iowa from 1948 to 1953. She then returned to Washington University for a year of additional graduate study and a part-time teaching position. In 1955, she moved back to Waverly to work as a social case worker for the Lutheran Children's Home and the Bremer County Child Guidance Center.

College catalogs indicate that Reppert was a one-woman department from 1955 until 1967. Several instructors assisted in the department from 1968 to Reppert's retirement in 1972, including four alumni: Robert Lohman '65 from 1969 to 1972; William Striepe '57 and Larry Weight '66 in 1970; and Gordon Hanson '58 in 1971.

After Reppert's retirement, Merle Funk '56 chaired the department for 10 years. He earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University of

Merle Funk '56
At Wartburg 1972-1982.
Funk is now a case manager at Hill County Youth Ranch, Ingram, Texas.

D.D. Starr
At Wartburg 1972-1992.
Starr divides her time between a summer home on the Mississippi River in Wisconsin and a winter residence in Alabama.

Susan Kosche Vallem '66
At Wartburg since 1987.

influential in social work program

"Social work graduates go out ready and willing to be of service. They may get burned out because of the heavy demands social work puts on them, but they never get bored. They may express concern about the comparatively low salary paid to social workers, but they stay in the field because they know they are making a difference."

– D.D. Starr

Wisconsin in 1963 and worked as a psychiatric social worker in Texas. Prior to joining the Wartburg staff, he directed the social services department of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz. Beverly Bomhoff '66 served on the social work faculty during Funk's first year at Wartburg. Later, the department expanded to three full-time teaching slots. From 1975 to 1980, the faculty included Funk and assistant professors Phil Juhl and D.D. Starr.

Starr became head of the department in 1982 and retired in 1992 after 20 years at Wartburg. She received her bachelor's degree in social work at Alabama College in 1950. She earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kentucky and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prior to joining the Wartburg faculty, she had worked as a hospital social worker, school social worker, child welfare worker, and group worker.

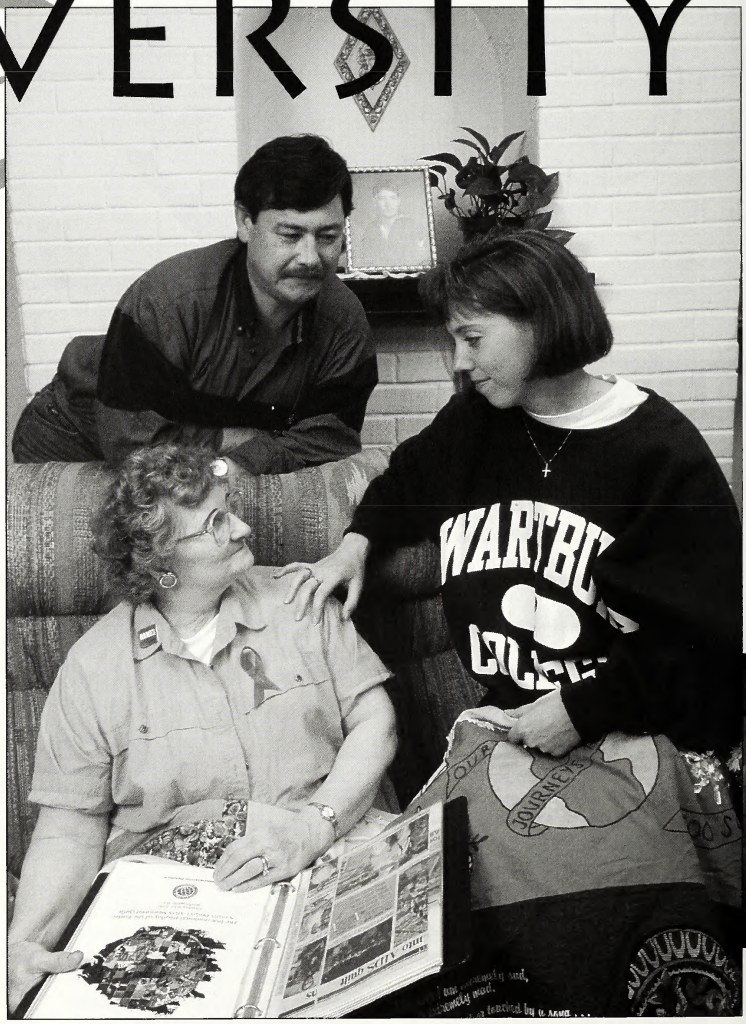
For the first seven years of Starr's tenure as chair, two faculty members served in the department. Assisting Starr were P. Kirby Gull, 1982-1984, Christina Thomas, 1984-1987, and Susan Kosche Vallem '66, who joined the staff in 1986 and is now chair of the department. ■

Embracing DIVERSITY

"Professional social work education is committed to preparing students to understand and appreciate human diversity. Programs must provide curriculum content about differences and similarities in the experiences, needs, and beliefs of people. The curriculum must include content about differential assessment and intervention skills that will enable practitioners to serve diverse populations.

"Each program is required to include content about population groups that are particularly relevant to the program's mission. These include, but are not limited to groups distinguished by race, ethnicity, culture, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental ability, age, and national origin."

– From the *Curriculum Policy Statement* for *Baccalaureate Degree Programs in Social Work Education.* Approved by the Board of Directors, Council on Social Work Education, July 19, 1992



AIDS OUTREACH—Tammy Hildebrand '96, right, a social work major from Iowa Falls, Iowa, spent May Term at the CASS-Cedar Valley Hospice in Waterloo, Iowa, working with AIDS patients and their families. She and her supervisor, David Baker, visit with Darlene McKee of Cedar Falls, Iowa, whose son died of AIDS.

▶ *by Duane Schroeder*

"Social workers have always had a commitment to diversity. We deal with it on a daily basis," says Susan Vallem, chair of the Social Work Department.

Vallem adds that for social workers, diversity is not just a matter of race. "It includes women, the aged, those with physical or mental developmental disabilities, and gay/lesbian issues."

Wartburg students gain hands-on experience through a variety of field experiences and practicums:

- Working with African Americans in South Chicago, Ill., or the Headstart Program in Waterloo, Iowa;
- Serving the disadvantaged and a diverse Hispanic population at the Hennepin County Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn.;
- Working with minority populations through the Wartburg West program, in Denver, Colo.; and
- Experiencing the Native American culture on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota.

ALUMNI CO-WORKERS—Four Wartburg alumni work at CLUES, a Hispanic social service agency in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn. Pictured from left are Shahla Grabow '92, Jessica Selinger Quiroz '90, Sabra Schmidt '94, and Alexis Oberdorfer '93. Grabow coordinates a program for Latino senior citizens. Quiroz, Schmidt, and Oberdorfer work with Latino family service programs.

And that is only the beginning. The department continues to expand field experience opportunities in family service agencies, hospitals, schools, and state human services departments.

Vallem said Wartburg students may soon be able to work with Native Americans in Wisconsin and with refugee programs operated by the Virginia Council of Churches and Lutheran Social Services.

"We are willing to go anywhere," she noted. "We are exploring the possibility of sending students to the Rev. David Kalke '70, who runs the New York Circus in New York City. We also are looking at utilizing more resources in the Twin Cities."

Vallem said the department recently began encouraging students to study a foreign language so they know the history and cultural heritage of the people they will serve before they go out in the field.

Social work majors spend at least one full May Term and one full Winter or Summer Term in a field experience.

"Those experiences may be related, but they may not be at the same agency," Vallem explained. "Students must work with different populations in each field experience."

The Wartburg program goes beyond the Council on Social Work Education's minimum requirement of 420 clock hours in field service, 20 of which may be volunteer. Wartburg requires 628 hours, all of which are supervised, "to be sure they are doing something worthwhile," Vallem said.

The Social Work Department offers four different field experiences or practicums. Beginning, intermediate, and extended field experiences involve 40 hours a week for four weeks. The senior practicum requires 36 hours per week for 13 weeks and can be followed by an extended field experience during May Term.

Beginning field experience gives students an opportunity to observe an agency and the populations it serves, Vallem said.

"Intermediate field experience is an elective. Students are placed as student interns to broaden and reinforce their interest in the social work field. They are expected to do some of the same work as other staff members in the agency, as well as observe the professionals at work. This experience must be with a different population and different agency than the beginning field experience."

During the required senior practicum, students have a case load and function as social workers.

"They are involved in such areas as intervention, outreach, and counseling. They also must do a research project and turn in weekly papers."

Extended field experience is an elective. It frequently serves as an extension of the senior practicum, although students may go to a different agency.

Wartburg students often receive advanced standing in social work graduate programs. Vallem said most of these programs involve two years and 60 course hours. Because of their extensive field experience, Wartburg students may receive 15 to 30 hours of graduate credit for their undergraduate work, allowing them to finish the M.S.W. degree in less than two years. ■

Inconsistency plagues basketball teams

▶ *by Duane Schroeder*

A tiny crack developed in the Knights' usually gleaming men's and women's basketball program during the 1994-95 season.

The men's team posted its 10th consecutive winning season, 13-11 overall and 9-7 in league play, but generally was on a rollercoaster. The women suffered through their first losing season in seven years, finishing 11-12 in all games and 7-9 in the Iowa Conference.

Men set three-point record

The men set one school record by scoring 12 three-point goals against Buena Vista Feb. 21. They tied another by going perfect at the free-throw line, 16 of 16, against Central Feb. 4.

With a four-game win streak going into the final two games of the season, the Knights were still alive in the conference race but dropped both contests. Central and Simpson then tied for the team title with 12-4 records.

"It was an up-and-down season for us," said second-year coach Howard Gauthier. "We had some good things happen, but we also lost some games that we probably shouldn't have."

Forward Matt Freesemann of Clear Lake, Iowa, led the Knights in scoring with a 19.9 average. He shot 92.8 percent at the line, which led the Iowa Conference and ranked him first in the nation among Division III players.

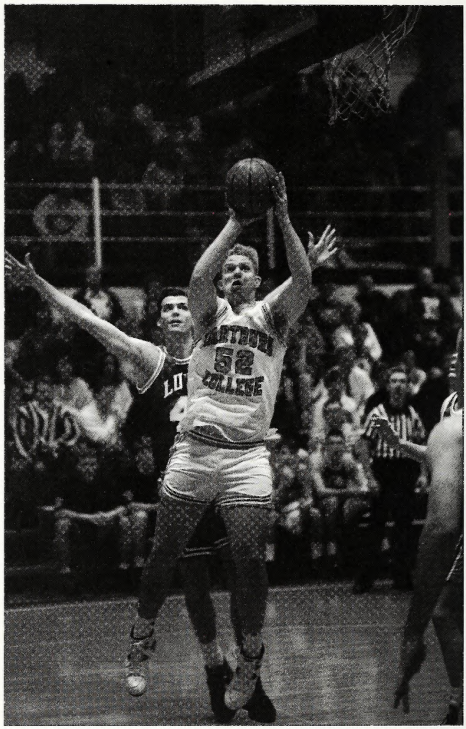
Center Rob Kain of Ames, Iowa, was second in scoring with a 15.3 point average. He topped the team in rebounds with a 9.1 average. The only senior on the squad, Kain ended his career as the Knights' 11th all-time scoring leader and seventh all-time rebounder. He had 1,275 points and 753 rebounds.

Freesemann was the only Wartburg player named to the all-conference team.

Women lack consistency

This season marked the first time in Monica Severson's seven-year career at Wartburg that the women's basketball team did not win 20 games or make the NCAA postseason tournament.

"I guess I was most disappointed in how inconsistent we were in all phases of the game," she said. "One night it might be free-throws, the next, rebounding. It was always something. On the other hand, I feel good that our players didn't give up. They worked hard in practice and during the games.



LEADS NATION—Matt Freesemann, the Knight's leading scorer in 1994-95, topped the national Division III statistics in free-throw shooting with a 92.8 percent average.

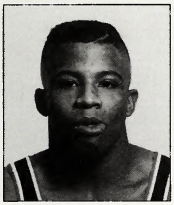
"I think we learned something this season. We have a lot of players a coming back, and they know now what they have to do during the off-season to get ready for next year."

Guard Kim Grimm of Elma, Iowa, the only Knight to make the all-conference team, led the squad in scoring with a 12.3 average. She also topped the team in assists with 78 and steals with 47. Center Nancy Krafl of New Vienna, Iowa, tied a school record with 14 field goals in a game. Krapfl also led in rebounding with a 5.4 average.

Grimm and forward Jodie Schult of Fredericksburg, Iowa, were the only seniors in the starting line-up and the only seniors who saw substantial playing time.

Wrestlers win Iowa Conference title

The Wartburg wrestling team won its third consecutive Iowa Conference championship during the winter season. The Knights finished the season 14-3 in dual meets with all three losses coming at the hands of Division I opponents.

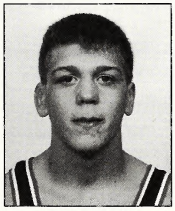


Fox

If dropping from third to sixth in the nation during a rebuilding year can be considered disappointing, the wrestlers ended the season on a disappointing note.

"Winning our third consecutive Iowa Conference title was important for our program, and I felt good about that," said coach Jim Miller. "We made good progress during the season, considering the number of people we had to replace. We found ourselves in position to contend for a national title, but we were disappointed in our finish. The positive side is that most of our national qualifiers are back next year."

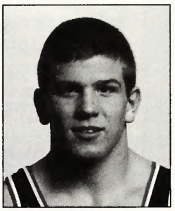
Wartburg went into the national tournament at Rock Island, Ill., ranked second in the nation behind Augsburg (Minn.). The Knights qualified more wrestlers than any of the competing teams, one in each of the 10 weights.



Smith

Four came away as All-Americans, with two, Jamal Fox of Waterloo, Iowa, at 142, and Tom Smith of Dubuque, Iowa, at 126, as national runners-up. Michael Doyle of Manchester, Iowa, ended his collegiate career with a seventh-place finish at 158, his third All-American designation, and a 125-49 career record. Mid-year transfer Dusty Rhodes of New Hampton, Iowa, was eighth at 134.

Augsburg won the Division III title with 84.5 points, while the Knights ended the tourney with 47.5. Just three points separated third place from sixth, and Wartburg had a shot at another placing trophy until the last two matches.



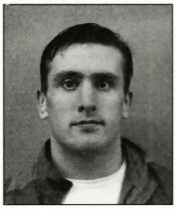
Doyle

The Knights had little trouble winning the Iowa Conference title with 182 points, compared with 144 for second-place Buena Vista. Doyle won his third conference championship, Fox his second, and Smith his first.

Five wrestlers finished second in the conference: Preston Essex of Waterloo at 118; Rhodes; Eric Kimball of Independence, Iowa, at 150; Mike Alesch of Graettinger, Iowa, at 167; and Blake Williams of Decorah, Iowa, at 190. Placing third and selected as national tournament wild-card entries were Chad Gerbracht of Independence, Iowa, at 177 and Jesse Molinar of Johnstown, Colo., at heavyweight.

Fox was named the IIAC's co-Outstanding Wrestler, and Miller was voted co-Coach of the Year by his peers.

Seniors on the roster were Doyle, Kimball, who had a 99-42 career record, Molinar, who ends at 67-84, and Steve Wood of Harvard, Ill., 80-44 at 150. Wood was in the starting line-up until Kimball and Doyle decided to go down a weight.



Rhodes

Cross country teams named Academic All-American

The 1994 Wartburg men's and women's cross country squads have been designated Academic All-American Teams by the NCAA Division III Cross Country Coaches Association.

To qualify, the seven members of the team participating in an NCAA regional meet must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 basis. The men's team, with a GPA of 3.497, ranked ninth in the nation. The women's team had a GPA of 3.172.

Runners who earned individual Academic All-American honors with a GPA of 3.5 or above were Jeff Allen of Grinnell, Iowa; Bryan Friedman of Waterloo, Iowa; Derek Oden of Centerville, Iowa; Justin Smith of Sterling, Ill.; Robyn Olson of Pocahontas, Iowa; Lea Lucas of Letts, Iowa; and Angie Knips of Lismore, Minn.

Baseball coach named

Joel Holst, who turned around the Loras College baseball program, is Wartburg's new head baseball and assistant football coach.

He replaces Randy Moore, now the head football coach at Lake Forest College in Illinois.

In 1991, Holst inherited a Loras program that had experienced six consecutive losing seasons. Since then, the Duhawks have been 20-plus winners and nationally ranked for the first time in school history. Holst's Loras record is 100-80.

In football, Holst was defensive line coach for Loras and will assist on defense for the Knights.

Prior to moving to Loras, he was assistant baseball coach at Northwest Missouri State and head baseball and assistant football coach at West Delaware High School in Manchester, Iowa.

Holst is a graduate of Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and earned his M.S. degree at Northwest Missouri State.

Polls rank Knights

Two preseason football polls released this summer ranked the Knights in the NCAA Division III top 10.

The *Bob Griese College Football Yearbook* ranked the Knights sixth in the nation. A coaches' panel in *College Football Magazine* had the Knights tied with Ithaca (N.Y.) for ninth. St. John's (Minn.) was number one in the yearbook poll. Albion (Mich.) topped the magazine poll.

The yearbook listed Wartburg defensive end Vince Penningroth of Olds, Iowa, on its preseason All-American first team.

24 athletes recognized for academic achievement

Twenty-four Wartburg student-athletes were among the 108 college players named to the winter and spring Iowa Conference All-Academic Teams.

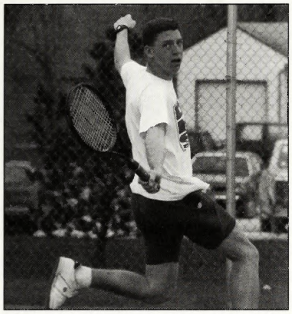
To qualify, students must be juniors or seniors, compete on a varsity team, and carry a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

The winter team covers men's and women's basketball and wrestling. The spring team covers baseball, softball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, and men's and women's track and field.

Wartburg representatives, their GPA and majors, include:

Men's Basketball			
Lucas DeWitt	Spencer, Iowa	3.79	elementary ed./history ed.
Women's Basketball			
Nancy Krapfl	New Vienna, Iowa	3.73	elementary education
Deb Wilkinson	Solon, Iowa	3.84	art/business administration
Baseball			
Mark Meehlhause	Clear Lake, Iowa	3.59	biology
Softball			
Lesli Eyestone	Washington, Iowa	3.52	elementary education
Kelly Muller	Hampton, Iowa	3.62	biology
Women's Track			
Wendy Ahrendsen	Manning, Iowa	3.92	math/philosophy
Tammy Hildebrand	Iowa Falls, Iowa	3.79	social work
Lea Lucas	Letts, Iowa	3.93	English
Sara Max	Hickory, N.C.	3.71	chemistry/biology
Denise McMillin	Elgin, Iowa	3.72	business administration
Robyn Olson	Pocahontas, Iowa	3.84	biology
Deb Wilkinson	Solon, Iowa	3.84	art/business administration
Men's Track			
Jeff Allen	Grinnell, Iowa	3.94	mathematics
Jason MacTaggart	Cedar Falls, Iowa	3.73	biology
Derek Oden	Centerville, Iowa	3.66	history
Justin Smith	Sterling, Ill.	3.61	physical education
Steve Taylor	Eldora, Iowa	3.72	psychology/philosophy
Women's Golf			
Jenny Bye	Mason City, Iowa	3.80	accounting
Kristen Capel	Council Bluffs, Iowa	3.59	music/religion
Men's Golf			
Ryan Huisman	Webster City, Iowa	3.55	computer science
Women's Tennis			
Gretchen Roth	Lino Lakes, Minn.	3.85	mathematics
Anne Rothfusz	Armstrong, Iowa	3.68	communication arts
Lisa Van Dusseldorp	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	3.71	elementary education

Men's tennis team shows improvement



MEN MOVE UP—Dan Sanderman's runner-up finish in the third flight singles helped the men's tennis team improve from fifth to third in the conference.

The men's tennis team showed dramatic improvement under first-year coach Chuck Tragord. The Knights climbed from fifth to third in the IIAC.

Wartburg had four second-place finishes, two in singles and two in doubles. Dan Sanderman of Decorah, Iowa, was the runner-up in the third flight singles and Raza Akbar of Waterloo, Iowa, in the fifth flight singles. A doubles team of Sanderman and Brian Trow of Pella, Iowa, was second in the second flight. Akbar and Tim Tjaden of Clear Lake, Iowa, teamed to place second in the third flight. All received All-IIAC medals for their play.

During the regular season, the Knights finished 4-5 in dual meets and second in the Greater Dubuque Invitational Tournament.

Young baseball squad wins eight of last 14

The 1995 season was a learning experience for Wartburg's young baseball team.

The Knights apparently learned their lessons well, winning eight of their last 14 games. After a 4-15 start, the team finished 12-21 in all games. But the late-season surge wasn't enough to prevent a last-place finish in the Iowa Conference with a 5-14 record.

Coach Randy Moore, who has resigned to become head football coach at Lake Forest College in Illinois, thinks he is leaving his successor a pretty good nucleus.

"We had some good young players," he said, pointing to pitcher/outfielder Derek Hartl of Iowa Falls, Iowa, second baseman Mark Torgerson of Independence, Iowa, and catcher Kyle Knudson of Denver, Iowa, who were pressed into starting roles their first year.

When the season started, Moore was most concerned about pitching because of heavy losses. Yet, the Knights' team ERA of 4.61 was an improvement over last year's 4.79. Four pitchers had ERAs of under 4.00, and three of them were either first- or second-year players.

The Knights' team batting average dropped from .303 a year ago to .262 this season, and the defense had its problems, evidenced by a .926 fielding percentage.

First baseman Rob Wachholz of Wausau, Wis., was named to the All-IIAC team for the third consecutive year. He led the Knights at the plate with a .379 average.

Golfers finish sixth

Plagued by erratic play, the men's golf team started out in sixth place in the Iowa Conference Tournament and stayed there.

Coach Stu Thorson '71 said it was a more a mental problem than lack of ability.

The Knights' leader was Ryan Huisman of Webster City, Iowa, who shot a 326, 14 strokes off the pace of the 10th individual. The top 10 individuals win All-IIAC medals.

Softball falls short of expectations

Offensive records fell right and left for the softball team, but the Knights still did not live up to preseason expectations after last year's record-breaking season.

The team broke six hitting records and posted its second consecutive 20-win season, finishing 20-15 overall and 10-6 in the IIAC, which was good for fourth place.

"I suppose with that kind of record and a first-division finish in one of the strongest Division III conferences in the country, one would have to say that we had a successful season," said coach Robin Hoppenworth.

"We proved we could hit the ball and score runs, but it still comes down to pitching and defense to keep the other team from scoring, and that didn't happen this year. We won our last seven games, so a lot of good things did happen. It's just that we expected so much more."

The positive side was at the plate, where the Knights hit .308 as a team, including 17 home runs, with 165 RBIs, all team records. First baseman Kelly Meyer of Pomeroy, Iowa, led the power surge with a record-breaking six home runs and 30 RBIs, and outfielder Kelly Muller of Hampton, Iowa, set a new mark by stealing 20 bases. Infielder Dawn Matthias of Plainfield, Iowa, led the Knights with a .353 batting average.

What proved costly was a team ERA that soared from 1.58 to 2.10 and a fielding percentage that fell from .931 to .924.

Four players won All-IIAC honors. Shortstop Kim Grimm of Elma, Iowa, Muller, and designated player Jamie Porter of Lisbon, Iowa, made the first team. Matthias was named to the second team.

Knights hot at conference track finale

It was a track performance that "exceeded expectations" and highlighted Wartburg's spring sports season.

It came at the Iowa Conference Track and Field Meet and resulted in the third consecutive IIAC championship for the women's team and sole possession of second place for the men.

ENDS CAREER—Robyn Olson, the most celebrated female distance runner in Wartburg history, completed her collegiate career with her first conference MVP award in track and her fourth NCAA All-American track citation.

"We were the hottest team out there," said coach Steve Johnson. "All across the board, it was the best full-team performance I've ever coached."

The women won their third title with a surprising 30.5-point margin over Luther, 174.5 to 144, despite losing to the Norse several times during the regular season. The men trailed heavy favorite Central 194.5 to 131.

Johnson was named Coach-of-the-Year in the women's meet—his third citation this year after sweeping both the men's and women's cross country awards last fall.

Two Wartburg athletes earned co-Most Valuable Performer honors. Robyn Olson of Pocahontas, Iowa, won her first MVP plaque in women's track. She repeated her triple crown of a year ago and set IIAC records in two of those events. On the men's side, Chris Shannon of Fairbank, Iowa, was a co-MVP after winning two events and placing second in another.

Olson set school and conference records in the 10,000 with a 37:36.22 time and a conference record in the 5,000 with a 17:48.15. She also won the 3,000 in 10:28.73. She is a four-time conference champion in the 3,000 and 5,000 and a two-time winner in the 10,000. During her career, she never lost a conference event in which she was entered.

Denise McMillin of Elgin, Iowa, also set a school record when she won the 400 in :58.74. After suffering a minor muscle pull the week before, she came away a triple winner, with victories in the 400, the 200 in a time of 26.15, and the 400-meter relay, where she anchored a team that finished in :49.48.

Others relay team members were Nikki Kimball of Independence, Iowa, who also was second in the 200 and third in the 100; Angie Cornelius of Parkersburg, Iowa, also fourth in the long jump; and Leah Lenhart of Keystone, Iowa, who also anchored the fourth-place 1,600-meter relay team.

Esther Dubec of Des Moines, Iowa, and Beth Holst of Waterloo, Iowa, dominated the middle distances for the Knights. Dubec won the 1,500 and was second in the 800, while Holst won the 800 and was second in the 1,500. Lea Lucas of Letts, Iowa, two-time defending champion in the 800, placed third after suffering a major muscle pull in practice the week before.

The men came home with five champions, the most ever claimed by a Johnson-coached team.

Shannon led the way in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of :14.92, and the triple jump with a leap of 44-11. He finished second in the 400 intermediate hurdles.

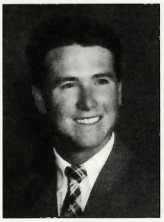
Jim Thompson of Leon, Iowa, successfully defended his shot-put title with a put of 51-4 and was second in the discus with a throw of 151-6; Clint Crawford of Grinnell, Iowa, and Justin Smith of Sterling, Ill., finished one-two in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with times of 9:38.01 and 9:42.99. Josh Watters of Dubuque won the 800 in 1:54.64.

Three athletes earned NCAA All-American honors at the national meet to end the season. Olson won her fourth track All-American citation by placing fourth in the 3,000 with a time of 10:08.16; Dubec repeated as an All-American in the 1,500 with a fifth-place finish in 4:38.09; and Deb Wilkinson of Solon, Iowa, earned her first All-American citation by placing sixth in the discus with a throw of 139-11.

IIAC CO-MVP—Chris Shannon's victories in the high hurdles and triple jump helped the men's track team claim second place in the conference.

Math teacher earns national Presidential Award

▶ *by Duane Schroeder*



Bret Hoyer '87 has had to learn to say, "No."

A mathematics teacher at John F. Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Hoyer received that advice from a colleague when he became a candidate for The Presidential Award. Presented annually by the National Science Foundation, the award honors excellence in the teaching of mathematics and science.

"If you win this thing," said Hoyer's friend, "you are going to have to learn how to say no, because there will be so many demands upon your time."

Hoyer won, and he agrees that he has been much in demand. However, some perks have also come with the award: a $7,500 National Science Foundation grant, a five-day, all-expense-paid trip for Hoyer and his wife to accept the award in Washington, D.C., and numerous gifts from sponsoring organizations.

A national selection committee of prominent scientists, mathematicians, educators, and past awardees recommended his selection. The White House notified him of the award.

"One of the two lengthy papers I had to submit for The Presidential Award described how I use cooperative learning to teach discrete math topics to low-achieving students," he said.

His second paper described the modification of Kennedy's math curriculum to "increase and sustain student interest in math-related careers."

Hoyer has presented papers on similar topics at a Rutgers University Conference and at the Iowa Distance Education Alliance Mathematics Institute at the University of Iowa. A frequent speaker at inservice sessions for math teachers, he has also been selected to test and critique core curriculum materials, an algebra text, and a geometry text.

Notable Knights

Hoyer earned an M.A. degree in mathematics education at the University of Iowa in 1991. He has taught at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Regina High School in Iowa City, Iowa, and Bishop Heelan High School in Sioux City, Iowa.

Beyond the classroom, Hoyer is Kennedy's head baseball coach and previously coached baseball at Regina High School. He was named Wartburg's Alumni Coach of the Year in 1992. His 1993 team qualified for the state tournament with a season record of 21-11. His career record in baseball is 85-46.

Burrack stars in high school music classroom

▶ *by Duane Schroeder*

Fred Burrack's first desire was to become a performer on the music stage. Instead, he became a teacher, and his performance in the classroom has earned statewide recognition.

Burrack '81 was one of five finalists for the Iowa Department of Education's 1995 Iowa Teacher of the Year award.

"If I have a calling as an educator," he writes, "it is in awakening the educational society to the importance of developing the aesthetic intelligence of each and every child."

Burrack says participation in music programs provides students with a "pattern for success that will live on as a pattern for life," teaching them important lessons in problem solving, goal setting, and cooperative individualism.

He has spent all but one year of his career at Carroll High School in southwest Iowa. He teaches instrumental music in grades nine through 12 and directs the marching band, two concert bands, two big band jazz ensembles, several jazz combos, and the basketball pep band. He also offers private lessons and solo and chamber music studies.

His first year in the teaching field was at AvoHa Community School in Avoca, Iowa. He earned his Master of Music Education degree at Northwestern University.

Burrack continues to live out his dream as a performer with the Carroll Area Symphonic Winds, a group that performs a series of summer concerts, and with a contemporary Christian music group, Promise. He also is active in the Carroll Community Theatre and Carroll Arts Council.

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The Rev. **JOHN VAGTS**, Hutchinson, Minn., has retired from the parish ministry after more than 50 years. His wife, **ERMA CLARK '38 VAGTS**, has also retired from elementary teaching. He is with Augustana Lutheran Homes, providing bi-monthly Sunday morning worship services at Emmanuel and Bethany Lutheran Homes in Litchfield, Minn.

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The Rev. **ERWIN C. FRANKE**, Spring Valley, Minn., celebrated his 50th ordination anniversary March 26.

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EVELYN FREDRICK ELLIOT and Duane Whitlock, Strawberry Point, Iowa, were married March 11.

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Dr. **RAYMOND MARTIN**, Dubuque, Iowa, recently published his 15th book on issues related to the Bible, *Studies in the Life and Ministry of the Historical Jesus.* He is a professor at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

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JANICE GOEMAN LARSEN, Bella Vista, Ark., has retired after 23 years of teaching.

Dr. **NORMAN MELCHERT**, Easton, Pa., has written *Who's to Say? A Dialogue on Relativism*, which was published by Hackett Publishing Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

The Rev. **PAUL REYELTS**, Mineral Bluff, Ga., served as a hospice volunteer and then joined the Georgia Mountain Hospice, Inc., as a staff chaplain. He also serves on the executive committee of the North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network, Inc.

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Dr. **ROBERT BLUHM**, Chester, Va., deputy general counsel for the Defense Commissary Agency in Richmond, Va., has been appointed debarment and suspension official for the agency. His wife, **EUNICE SONSTELIE '57 BLUHM**, is a teacher for the Air Academy Schools, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ROGER and **EILEEN BURRACK '65 KLINGMAN**, Nashua, Iowa, have retired from teaching in the Nashua-Plainfield School District.

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Dr. **JULIUS ROEHL, JR.**, Cataula, Ga., is a program director at the Center for Health Dynamics at St. Francis Hospital.

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Dr. **ROBERT H. ALBERS**, Roseville, Minn., professor of pastoral theology at Luther Seminary, had his book, *Shame: A Faith Perspective*, published by Haworth Press. He is editor of the new *Journal of Ministry in Addiction and Recovery*, also published by Haworth. He and his wife, **SONIA SYVERSON ALBERS**, have returned from Tanzania, where Bob was teaching in a Lutheran Seminary as part of a sabbatical.

DONALD HEIN, Indianapolis, Ind., has been named the 1994-95 recipient of the Indiana High School Athletic Association's Distinguished Media Service Award for District 3.

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AUGUST KNOLL, Wheatland, Iowa, was recognized by the Iowa High School Music Association for completing 30 years of teaching. He received the Phillip Sehmann Excellence in Teaching Award awarded by the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association.

Dr. **OSCAR LENNING**, Forest City, Iowa, is the director of Lenning Consulting Services.

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The Rev. **DEAN BAER**, Ankeny, Iowa, is administrative pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. His wife, **BEVERLY SAUER BAER**, is an instructional assistant in the STRIVE Program at Des Moines Area Community College.

BARBARA UCHTORFF and John Piston, Baldwinsville, N.Y., were married Feb. 18, 1994. Barbara is a library training consultant with Innovative Interfaces, Inc.

KEITH VOIGTS, Dallas, Texas, is chief financial officer and a member of the board of directors of Healthcare Communications, Inc.

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DANIEL BOMHOFF, Fort Dodge, Iowa, has been appointed family therapist for Fayette, Buchanan, and Delaware counties, by Families of Northeast Iowa.

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RANDALL and Mary **SCHABACKER**, Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Matthew, Sept. 15.

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JAMES BAUSCH, Fairview Heights, Ill., is vice president of marketing and business development for Vigoro Industries.

DAVID WESTPHAL, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, is Washington, D.C., deputy bureau chief for the McClatchy Newspapers, a California group.

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ARLENE HANSON, Moen, Norway, had her first major composition, *Han er vår fred* (He is Our Peace), performed for the first time March 26 in Målselv, Norway. The 35-minute work for tenor, choirs, and organ is scheduled for two more performances this summer, including one during the northern Norwegian *Festspillene.*

Celebrates 102nd birthday

One of Wartburg's oldest living alumni recently celebrated his 102nd birthday. Edward Maas '16 of Carthage, Ill., was 102 on April 9. He attended Wartburg Normal College in 1915-16.

Persons who wish to send him greetings should address them to him at the Hancock County Nursing Home, South Adams St., Carthage, Ill. 62321.

The Rev. CURT and Lisa **JOSEPH**, Des Moines, Iowa, have begun publishing his biblical dramas for worship and study under the name Trunk-in-the-Attic Church Resources. They also travel to perform and conduct seminars on the use of drama in the church.

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WILLIAM ANDERSON and Susan Hahn, Quincy, Mass., announce the birth of Danica Lee, Aug. 3.

LINDA CLEFISCH, Golden, Colo., has been promoted to executive director of Forest Heights Lodge, a psychiatric facility for children and adolescents. She had been outpatient director for the past 16 years.

RICHARD P. CRAWFORD, Sioux City, Iowa, was promoted to vice president/investment officer by Dain Bosworth, Inc.

TEMPEST BAKER KUYKENDALL, Roland, Iowa, received her master's degree from Iowa State University in December 1994. She has taught art for 22 years in the Roland-Story schools.

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CYNTHIA HINTZE, Marshalltown, Iowa, is co-director of the Hardin County school-based youth services program.

TOM ZACKERY, Rochester, Minn., was appointed to the National Social Health Policy Committee of the Society for Social Work Administrators in health care. His wife, **DEBORAH GREEN ZACKERY**, is the Multicultural Gender Faire coordinator of multicultural education for Minnesota.

'69 alumnus completes novel

Jim Keifer '69 of Richmond, Ind., has written a novel about Hoosier basketball entitled *Just One More Shot.* It was published by the Prinit Press in Dublin, Ind.

Keifer, who has been a high school basketball official for the past 19 years, set his story in the small town of Mallard, Ind., in the mid-1950s.

Indianapolis News book reviewer Wendell Trogdon says that although Mallard is a fictional town, "it could have been any one of 300 hamlets that still had high schools with crackerbox gyms that were the center of social activities." He says Keifer "lets the story progress game by game, season by season, summer by summer, year by year, adding suspense and anticipation with each page."

The soft-cover book is available through JEMM Publishing, 1683 Idlewild Dr., Richmond, Ind. 47374. Cost is $10.50, which covers postage and handling.

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CRAIG LIMING, Bisbee, Ariz., has been named the top 1994 masters triathlete in the southwest by *Tailwinds* sports publication. He was also named top 1994 masters triathlete and duathlete in Arizona by *Running and Multi-Sport Magazine.* He is a licensed massage therapist in Cochise County.

DOUGLAS MASON, Naperville, Ill., has been elected a partner in the Gonser Gerber Tinker Stuhr consulting firm. He works with colleges, universities, independent schools, and hospitals across the country.

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ERIC BARNTSEN, Omaha, Neb., is the claims manager of large accounts with Empire Fire & Marine.

DIANNE STAR, Minneapolis, Minn., co-authored the article "Data Entry and Verification" for *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History.* She is data entry supervisor for the Historical Census Projects at the University of Minnesota.

THOMAS and Pam **TECKLENBURG**, Humboldt, Iowa, announce the birth of Anna Emily, Sept. 14. She joins Zach, 7, Katie, 6, and Patrick, 3. Tom teaches sixth grade in the Humboldt school system.

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HOWARD and **JANET HELGESON BYE**, San Antonio, Texas, announce the adoption of Julia Marie, born Feb. 21. She joins David, 4.

ALLEN NICKERSON, Clear Lake, Iowa, is a memorial counselor with Mason City Monument.

DIANE SCHWARTZ, Greenfield, Iowa, is the new editor at *The Observer.* Her husband, Lyle, will be covering sports and school events for the publication.

The Rev. **PATRICIA** and Dr. **DAVID SHAFFER-GOTTSCHALK**, Colonial Heights, Va., announce the birth of Petra Seraphina, Feb. 13. She joins Renata, 10. David earned his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He teaches piano and music theory at Virginia State University, Petersburg, Va.

DIANE SHOMPER, Middleton, Wis., is assistant director of operations for the Badger State Games.

DANIEL SWIFT, Manchester, Iowa, was appointed to the Community Savings Bank board of directors.

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LEEANN BENISCHEK FERRY, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been named a member of the Shuttleworth & Ingersoll law firm.

KATHY WENELL and Stuart Neshit, Eau Claire, Wis., were married Aug. 20. Kathy teaches communications at Chippewa Valley Technical College.

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KATHLEEN STEENBLOCK PIERSON, Aubry, Texas, is a teacher for gifted children in the Denton, Texas, school system. She and her husband, Mike, have two children, Holly and Patrick.

KEVIN REAL, Vienna, Va., was appointed a director at Banker's Security Life Insurance in Arlington, Va. His wife, **BECKY KNOWLES '80 REAL**, is director of youth ministries at Wesley United Methodist Church.

JORGE RIVERA, Elmhurst, N.Y., is working for the United Nations in accounting. His wife is Carmen, and he is a stepfather to Vivian and Raymond.

JAMES UNMACHT II, Glendale, Ariz., has been promoted by Federated Insurance to regional claims manager for the western region of the United States.

DIANA WENZEL, College Station, Texas, received a Ph.D. degree in educational administration from Texas A&M University. She administers an Even Start family literacy program for the Lamar Consolidated School District in Rosenberg, Texas.

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MIKE BARKLEY, Clear Lake, Iowa, is an elementary principal in the Clear Lake Community Schools.

CARRIE BLAKE, Albuquerque, N.M., is employed at Sandia Laboratories.

Robert and CAROL PACE CONNOLLY, Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Maura, June 14, 1994.

TIM and Caitlin DONOHUE, Des Peres, Mo., announce the birth of Connor Timothy, Sept. 28. He joins Rose, 9, and Bridget, 5.

JAMES and Sue GREENE, Moorhead, Minn., announce the birth of Isaiah Joseph, Feb. 10. He joins Hannah, 4, and Zacheriah, 2.

James and ANN DUMBAULD LAUER, Morton, Ill., announce the birth of John, Jan. 27. He joins Alyssa, 2.

Tim Riley and DIANE KLEINOW MUNGER, Newton, Iowa, were married June 17, 1994. Diane earned her master's degree from Drake University and teaches third grade in Newton.

DORI NIELSEN, Yuma, Ariz., earned a Master of Music Education degree from Northern Arizona University. She is an elementary music teacher.

JAMES and Kim PARKER, Topeka, Kan., announce the birth of Alexander Baird, Nov. 2.

DANIEL and ANNE HERBOLD '87 STREMPKE, Conyers, Ga., announce the birth of Sarah Anne, Feb. 11. She joins Andrew, 2. Dan is training manager for the Atlanta, Ga., branch of John Deere.

ERIK and Danna SUNDET, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, announce the birth of Kristen Ruth, Dec. 8, 1994. She joins David, 7, Stephen, 5, and Curtis, 3.

International alumni gather in Japan, Malaysia

President Robert Vogel '56 and Lenny Trudo '76, associate director of admissions and international recruiting, hosted alumni receptions in several Asian cities during a three-week trip in March.

They made stops in Japan, Malaysia, East Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Thailand, and Cyprus.

"This trip helped us to renew acquaintances with international alumni and to let them know what is happening on campus," said Trudo. "We hope that strengthening the international alumni network will be helpful to our international student recruiting efforts."

The two largest gatherings were held in Tokyo, Japan, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Alumni, parents, friends, and prospective students attended the events.

Among those registering at the reception in Malaysia were Alan Tahm, Soo Guan Yap '84, Daniel Chan, Tong Loy Lim '84, Tajul Arrifin Tahir, Tajul Azam Tahir, Michael Chee Teong, Azmil (Zeb) Zabidi '87, Saiful Bajri A. Hadi, Mahathir B. Kabolani '90, Sulaiman Kabolani, Melisa Teoh '93, and Dhatu Melan.

Reception in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Attending the gathering in Tokyo, Japan, were Pamela Matsumoto '87, Yuichiro Matsumoto '91, Namiko Kaneko '90, Meiko Usuyama '83, Riae Kim, Marilynn Hays '60, Tammy Hays '89, Jonathan Hays '88, Mari Funabayashi '90, Takeo Igarashi '94, Yumi Obinata '84, Toshitsugu Kumagaya '94, Yukiko Mitsuhashi '82, Etsuko Hashimoto '79, Yumiko Iwamoto '79, and Yasushi Kiya '74.

Reception in Tokyo, Japan

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DENNIS BECKER, Urbandale, Iowa, is a management analyst for the Iowa Department of Public Safety.

JACI COLLINS, Manitowoc, Wis., is studying this summer on a Dodge-NEH Fellowship that includes a three-week project in Kamogawa City, Japan, and an intensive eight-week language program. She teaches French and Japanese in the Manitowoc Schools.

RONALD GIELAU, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has joined the firm of Terry, Lockridge & Dunn as a tax and business consultant.

DAVID and Shelly HOFFMAN, Preston, Iowa, announce the birth of Justin Robert, Dec. 28. He joins Jordan, 2.

Max and KATHERINE MUELLER JACOBS, Christoval, Texas, announce the birth of Jack Steven, Oct. 23.

JAMES SAMPSON, San Antonio, Texas, is an assistant basketball coach for the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners.

KIMBERLY BENDER SCHWARTZ, Wheaton, Ill., has accepted a public relations position with the Society of Actuaries in Schaumburg, Ill.

MARGARET SCHUSTER WARDLAW, St. Paul, Minn., was promoted to director of Eden Wood Center, a Twin Cities-based camp for people with developmental disabilities.

Deaths

Dr. WILLIAM HULME, Roseville, Minn., a member of the Wartburg faculty in the 1950s, died Feb. 21.

1920

CARL G. WUEST, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died April 4. Alumni survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, CURTIS '51 and JOAN KAMPFE '53 WUEST, his daughter and son-in-law, BARB WUEST '52 FRITSCHEL and Dr. JAMES FRITSCHEL '51, and three grandchildren, DEBORAH WUEST '86 TOYOSI and her husband, VINCENT TOYOSI '89, Dr. SCOTT FRITSCHEL '75, and CHRISTINE FRITSCHEL '80 DJALLETA.

1925

IRMA KARSTEN WELTNER, Waverly, died Dec. 29 of natural causes. She is survived by her sister, ESTHER KAY KARSTEN '52.

1930

WINIFRED MOINE VOSSELLER, Milwaukee, Wis., died Jan. 28 of natural causes. She was a school teacher for several rural schools and the Waverly-Shell Rock Schools. She was active in 4-H Club work and instrumental in starting the Plainfield Public Library. Alumni survivors include her husband, ED VOSSELER '30, and her son, BRUCE VOSSELLER '65.

1936

The Rev. CLARENCE J. GESS, Merrimac, Wis., died Dec. 9 following a long illness. He served parishes in Yorktown, Ill., Minonk, Ill., Benson, Ill., and Prairie du Sac, Wis. He is survived by his wife, ELEANOR WIEDERANDERS '35 GESS.

1937

The Rev. ERNST F. STAEHLING, Menomonie, Wis., died Nov. 28. During his ministry, he served parishes in St. Paul, Minn., Wausau, Wis., Golden, Ill., Sheboygan, Wis., and Wautoma, Wis. An alumni survivor is his brother, AUGUST STAEHLING '41.

1944

The Rev. EVERETT HAGEMAN, Plainview, Ill., died Jan. 27 of a heart attack. He served parishes in Dickinson, N.D., Muscatine, Iowa, and Chicago, Ill., before working for the church at large for five years in Minneapolis, Minn. He then served as pastor for three Illinois parishes before retiring. He was a strong advocate of public health issues and served on numerous health-related committees and boards.

Dr. TED C. RITTER, Williston, N.D., died Dec. 24.

1946

The Rev. RUDOLF A. MARTENS, Peoria, Ill., died Feb. 21 of a stroke. Alumni survivors include three daughters, KATHERINE MARTENS '76 POST, VICTORIA MARTENS '81 POST, and JOAN MARTENS '85, and Victoria's husband, BRAD POST '81.

1950

EDNA PINKE MEYER, Colorado Springs, Colo., died April 12. Alumni survivors include her husband, the Rev. HERBERT E. MEYER '51, and son, the Rev. STEVEN A. MEYER '76.

1952

RAYMOND C. BIEBER, Eden Prairie, Minn., died Jan. 19 following open heart surgery. Alumni survivors include his sister, HERTHA BIEBER '51 LUTZ, and her husband, CHUCK LUTZ '53.

1955

BEN WIEBKE, Rochester, Minn., died Dec. 22 of cancer.

1956

ERVIN H. RIENSCHE, Palm Desert, Calif., died Nov. 28, 1994, of a heart attack.

1958

GARRY L. JOHANSEN, Wausau, Wis., died in May 1994. Alumni survivors include his wife, GRACE MEYER '57 JOHANSEN, and two children, REBECCA JOHANSEN '78 and MICHAEL JOHANSEN '80.

1960

JANICE BOYKEN SIME, Fountain, Minn., died Aug. 19, 1994, of cancer.

1963

KENTON STOB, St. Cloud, Minn., died June 21, 1994, due to complications of muscular dystrophy and congestive heart failure. Up to a year before his death, he was a counselor with Independent Living Center, Inc.

1964

EMMA NEWBERY LAUN, Rockford, Iowa, died April 5 of cancer. She taught first grade in the Rockford Public School for 22 years before retiring in 1979.

1972

DONALD BARTLETT, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Feb. 22. He was employed by the *Waterloo Courier* at the time of his death.

1973

DENISE REBELEIN McGOVERN, Stamford, Conn., died Nov. 30 of lung cancer. She was a physical therapist. An alumni survivor is her sister, CANDACE REBELEIN '72 POWELL.

1977

Dr. DEAN SCOTT, Dallas, Texas, died Jan. 31 following a long illness. He worked in the trauma and emergency medicine departments of St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas, and as assistant emergency room director at Baylor Hospital, Garland, Texas.

1980

JEFFREY K. ZIERKE, Elmore, Minn., died Jan. 25, 1992.

1995

KRISTYN JUSTICE, Manilla, Iowa, died Feb. 4.

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Dr. **WILLIAM** and Trudy **WESSELS** Jr., Wausau, Wis., announce the birth of Katelyn Lydia, March 5. She joins Phillip, 2.

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DEBORAH LATTIMER, Manila, Philippines, is a public health consultant.

DEBRA PUFFETT and Kevin Cress, Center Point, Iowa, were married Oct. 15. Debra ia a business instructor at Center Point-Urbana High School.

JON SIMPKINS, Miami, Fla., started his own business, Land and Sea Equipment Corp., specializing in truck trailers, flatbeds, and chassis. He and his wife, **SUSAN SIMA '83 SIMPKINS,** are the parents of Danica, 3.

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EDMOND BONJOUR, Stillwater, Okla., works at Oklahoma State University.

DEBORAH EIDEN, Oshkosh, Wis., is a nursing assistant with Bethel Home Nursing Facility.

BRUCE and **TERESA ROBINSON '85 HUEBENER,** Ottumwa, Iowa, announce the birth of Jacob, Nov. 11, 1994. He joins Zachariah, 4.

DAWN MAAS JAEGER, Grinnell, Iowa, is a social worker for the State of Iowa in Marshall County.

GRETCHEN OFFENHEISER, Elizabeth, Ill., and Hubert "Buster" Rankin, Atlanta, Ill., were married Dec. 17. She is a partner with Offenheiser Farms.

The Rev. **WILLIAM PETERS,** Olin, Iowa, has accepted a call to serve Winnebago Lutheran congregation in Lake Mills, Iowa.

Dr. **JEFF** and Paula **WALCZYK,** Eldridge, Iowa, announce the birth of Breanna Lee, Oct. 26.

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DANIEL and **PAMELA BRISTOW FOELSKE,** Batavia, Ill., announce the birth of Robert Jacob, Feb. 19. He joins Andrew, 4. Dan was promoted to assistant vice president of Harris Bank, and Pam is with St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin, Ill.

KEVIN GREEN, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a nuclear station operating engineer for IES Industries at the Duane Arnold Energy Center in Palo, Iowa.

KATHRYN SCHULZ JACOBS, Phoenix, Ariz., owns Absolutely Coordinated Training, which matches training to businesses' needs.

JAN MEIER and Jim Hylko, Albuquerque, N.M., were married Dec. 30. Jan earned her M.B.A. degree with a concentration in human resource management from the University of New Mexico.

Phillip and **STACY DEERING THARP,** Marion, Iowa, announce the birth of Elise, Feb. 5. Stacy is a senior claims examiner with AEGON, U.S.A.

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CHARLES and **COLETTE SLACK '89 FARNER,** Bloomington, Ill., announce the birth of Alex, Aug. 21, 1994.

Nicholas and **CYNTHIA FISHER-BROIN,** Northfield, Minn., announce the birth of Jonah in February. He joins Josiah, 6.

TOYOAKI and Miyuki **KISHIHARA,** Fujisawa-shi, Kanagawa, Japan, announce the birth of Kana, Jan. 2. She joins a sister, Mai, 3.

ALLEN and Katie **KOEHLER,** Mason City, Iowa, announce the birth of Molli Gene, Jan. 19. She joins Abby, 2.

The Rev. **KENNETH PHELPS,** Carol Stream, Ill., is the new pastor of Concord Missionary Baptist Church.

SUSAN SCHMIDT, Hockessin, Del., is account manager of Affinity Marketing at First USA.

AMY SMITH SCHWARTZ and **BRADLEY SCHWARTZ '86,** Decorah, Iowa, announce the birth of Drew Matthew, Nov. 5. He joins Grant, 2.

ELIZABETH WAGNER SIMMER, St. Paul, Minn., was artist-in-residence for the Lake Mills Elementary art classes in Lake Mills, Iowa.

KIRK ZEHR, Tripoli, Iowa, has been accepted into the accelerated law program at the University of Iowa.

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LISA WILLE FETTY, Lenexa, Kan., is a senior financial accountant for Health Net in Kansas City, Mo.

Tom and **ANITA RAFFETY FORD,** Grinnell, Iowa, announce the birth of Jarren Howard, March 1. He joins Nathan, 2.

MARK and **CAROLYN ROWAN '88 HANSEN,** Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Kyle Thomas, Dec. 11. Carolyn is a physical therapist with Westside Schools, and Mark is a chemist at the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Power Plant.

GARY JOHNSON, Houston, Texas, is a field manager with Ford Dealer Computer Systems/ Universal Computer Services.

Matt and **JULIE WALTMANN MONIZ,** Madison Lake, Minn., announce the birth of Rachel Mary, March 1. She joins Joshua, 7, and Zachary, 5.

More new students have alumni parents

Several names should be added to the list of new Wartburg students who are children of Wartburg alumni, according to Jan Striepe '59, director of alumni and parent relations.

Students in the Class of 1998 who were inadvertently omitted from a list published in the winter edition of the *Wartburg Magazine* include:

Tobi Reinert, daughter of Barbara K. Dietz Reinert '62, Ness City, Kan.; **Joshua Keesy,** son of Paula Ortman Keesy '73, Niwot, Colo.; and **Johanna Donovan,** daughter of Dennis Donovan '87, Charles City, Iowa.

The earlier list did not include alumni children who transferred to Wartburg last fall. They are:

Judith Hesterberg '97, daughter of the Rev. Paul Hesterberg '57, Winthrop, Minn., and Ruby Hinsman Hesterberg '57, St. Paul, Minn.; **Karla Meyer '96,** daughter of Lorraine Martz Meyer '65, Muscatine, Iowa; and **Michael Bush '96,** son of Glen '73 and Barbara Uden '74 Bush, Tripoli, Iowa.

Prof goes on location

Dr. Glenn Fenneman '62, professor of mathematics, spent a Winter and May Term sabbatical in high school mathematics classes and computer labs in Waverly, Cedar Falls, Vinton, and West Des Moines, Iowa. His visits included a reunion with three alumni math teachers at Valley High School in West Des Moines. Pictured from left are Fenneman, Tami Worby Loge '81, Jerrod Staack '91, and Nikki Knippel Matthias '92.

David and **DEANN RIENTS NICHOLSON,** Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of Darby Elizabeth, Feb. 3.

Marc Murray and **MICHELLE SPROUT,** Mason City, Iowa, were married Nov. 12. Michelle is owner of Michelle Sprout Murray Speeches and Seminars, public relations director of *Hair and Beauty News*, and teaches part-time at North Iowa Area Community College.

CRAIG and Kathy **SUTTER,** Columbus, Ohio, announce the birth of Anika Maree, Feb. 1. Craig is a manager for Enron Capital and Trade Resources.

CYNTHIA VEHRS and Kenneth Kuzelka, Hanover Park, Ill., were married Dec. 31. Cynthia became a stepmother to Kenny, 14, Ryan, 12, and Anthony, 10.

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NANCY BALDING and Bradley Stouffer, Phoenix, Ariz., were married Oct. 9, 1993. She is a marketing/communications coordinator for the Greater Phoenix Economic Council.

JAY BERGAN, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., is a management trainee with Circuit City in Jacksonville, Fla.

JOYCE ADAMS CHASE, Ypsilanti, Mich., is working at a spine clinic.

Jonathan and **KARRI LOWE CHENEY,** Waco, Texas, announce the birth of Brienna Kay, Nov. 21.

CARTER CREWS and Amy Hansen, St. Louis, Mo., were married Sept. 24, 1994. He is an actuarial assistant with General American Life Insurance.

AMY FREY, Greenfield, Wis., was awarded an M.S. degree in biology from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May 1994. She is part of a research team investigating Von Willebrand's disease at the Blood Research Center in Wauwatosa, Wis.

Dr. **DARYL KRUSE** and Dr. Kristine Evans, Racine, Wis., announce the birth of Spencer David, Aug. 5. Daryl is an optometrist with D.J. Kontra, M.D. and Associates.

CARL MONTGOMERY, Arlington, Texas, is a claims manager with Rodney D. Young Insurance in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. **SCOTT SAMUELSON,** Crow Agency, Mont., is a staff physician in family practice with the Indian Health Service of the U.S. Public Health Service.

PHILLIP and Lynn **STAFFORD,** Lynnville, Iowa, announce the birth of Cierra Lynn, Aug. 9. She joins Zachary, 3.

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JODI BURMOOD and Philip Wolf, Murdo, S.D., were married April 29. She is a community outreach worker at Oahe Inc. in Pierre, S.D.

CHRISTOPHER CARTEE, Davenport, Iowa, is a drug abuse resistance education officer for the Bettendorf, Iowa, Police Department.

SANDY KLINE CRANDALL, Everberg, Belgium, works in the district superintendent's office of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Brussels, Belgium.

Carl Hamilton and **ARDITH FLATHERS,** Warrensberg, Mo., were married Aug. 14, 1993.

JANAE BRAVARD GRIFFITH and **ERIC GRIFFITH '89,** Waterloo, Iowa, announce the birth of Quincy Bravard, Feb. 24. He joins Cameron, 2.

JAMES LYNES, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is assistant director of admissions at Iowa Wesleyan College. His wife, **DAWN RODENBERG '82 LYNES,** is a family counselor with Young House Family Services in Burlington, Iowa.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Share news about your new job or promotion, your marriage, a birth in your family, honors you've received, your retirement. Maybe you've earned another degree, had a book or article published, won an election. Let us know!

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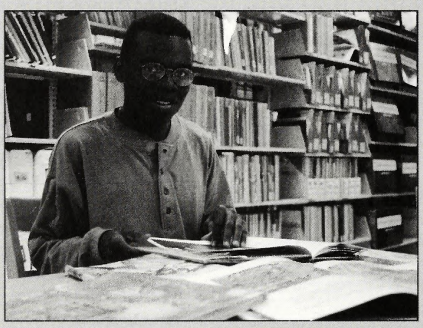
Spring graduate organizes project to benefit kindergartens in Namibia

Sakaria Ipinge '95 took a gift from Iowa back to his native Namibia this summer.

Sacky, as he is known to the campus community, spent much of his senior year at Wartburg developing a project to provide library materials and chalkboards for kindergartens in his homeland.

"When I went home two summers ago, I witnessed kids writing on the ground," he relates. "In these kindergarten classes, there are no books and no writing materials, such as chalkboards. The spirit to learn is very high, but the learning materials are scarce."

Responding to this need, the Wartburg education major raised more than $1,100 to fund a rotating library of kindergarten picture books, storybooks, poetry books, and songbooks. He will also implement a series of workshops to train kindergarten teachers in using these materials.



EXAMINING BOOKS—Sakaria Ipinge got better acquainted with children's books this year. The Namibian student organized a project to provide classroom resources for kindergarten students in his home country.

Funding for the project was provided through a $400 grant from the Iowa Peace Institute, a $500 grant from the Waverly Rotary Club, a $100 grant from the Waverly Kiwanis Club, and more than $100 in private contributions.

Ipinge said that since English is the official language of Namibia, the books will be in English, making it somewhat easier for him to negotiate arrangements through U.S. publishers. His main problem was how to get the books to Namibia.

"I've learned a lot about customs," he said. He credited the faculty in the Education Department with helping him develop an appropriate list of classroom resources.

Once the materials arrive, the Lutheran Kindergarten Office in Namibia will coordinate and supervise their distribution. Ipinge said about 350 registered kindergartens are located throughout northern Namibia, with 20 to 80 students per classroom. He hopes pastors and other residents who travel back and forth from the Lutheran Church headquarters to the country's school districts will transport the materials.

Community organizations and churches in Namibia will be encouraged to make blocks for classrooms and to provide funding for teachers to attend the workshops. Ipinge says teachers trained at the workshops can share their knowledge with colleagues who who don't have the opportunity to attend.

Though he eventually plans to teach high school social studies, Ipinge is now devoting his energies to getting the kindergarten program on its feet. He completed arrangements for the program in Waverly before graduation in May, but said the project is still accepting donations. Contacts at Wartburg are Janet Alexander, director of international programs, and Dr. Cheryl Budlong, chair of the Education Department.

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Michael and **MELISSA DEMARIS PALMER,** Copperas Cove, Texas, announce the birth of Erin Kayleen, Feb. 10. She joins Jessica, 4.

MARK and Lisa **ROLINGER,** Cedar Falls, Iowa, announce the birth of Allison Grace, March 12. She joins Abigail, 1.

Pete Newell and **KAREN THALACKER,** Waverly, announce the birth of Ella Marilyn, Feb. 10. Karen is associated with the Hagemann, Goeke, Egli, and Thalacker law firm.

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ANNE-MARIE PETERS DENHOLM and **JACK DENHOLM '90,** Willmar, Minn., announce the birth of Mason Sullivan, Feb. 28.

Jeff and **WENDY ANDERSON ELM,** Radcliffe, Iowa, announce the birth of Sarah Joyce, Feb. 5. She joins Jared, 2.

JEFFREY EYRES, Minneapolis, Minn., graduated with honors from the University of Michigan Law School. He clerked for United States District Judge Donald Alsop and now works for the Leonard, Street, and Deinard firm in the area of product liability law.

Brad and **LIESL HUBBARD FARRIER,** Hudson, Wis., announce the birth of Maria Christine, Jan. 13. Liesl is a high school French teacher.

Dr. **LISA HARMEL** and Rob Chabot, St. Louis, Mo., were married Oct. 22. She is an optometrist on the clinical faculty staff at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, School of Optometry.

JULIE DRUCKREY HARMS and **DANIEL HARMS '90,** Waverly, announce the birth of Andreya Jacquelynn, Feb. 3. She joins Bryanna, 4, and Carly, 2.

Dr. **BRENDA HOVE** and Scott Houg, Waukon, Iowa, were married Oct. 22. Brenda received her chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa. She works at Hagensick Chiropractic Clinic.

MITCHELL LAURRENRING, Portland, Ore., works for Colorbus, Inc., in Vancouver, Wash.

Ralph and **STEPHANIE WILLER MORK**, Madison, Wis., announce the birth of Kaitlin Rose, March 3. Stephanie is in mortgage lending with M & I Bank.

JODI NELSON, Minneapolis, Minn., received her master's degree in curriculum development and instruction from the University of St. Thomas Dec. 17.

SUE SOWERS ORTH, Plainfield, Iowa, won a blue ribbon for her painting, "Lazy Day," in Region VII of the Iowa Artists Competition.

TROY SCHAGER and Julie Winter, Postville, Iowa, were married Oct. 29. Troy is the owner/operator of Shag's Horseshoe Lounge.

ANNE GARDINER SCROGGIN and **DONALD SCROGGIN '91**, Allison, Iowa, announce the birth of Erin Lisa, Dec. 8. Anne is a freelance copy editor, and Don is a sales representative for Marquart Block. They own D & A Lawn Care.

ART and **AMY CROW '90 SUNLEAF**, East Lansing, Mich., announce the birth of Maja Stina, Jan. 8. Art earned his master's degree in college and university administration from Michigan State University. Amy is working toward a master's degree in marriage and family therapy at Western Michigan University.

BETH WARNER, Green Bay, Wis., is a sales writer/editor with American Medical Security. She is also the assistant women's basketball coach at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis.

David and **AMY KUEGLER WEAVER**, Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Sarah Martha, April 7. Amy is a buyer for Younkers Department Stores.

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SONYA BARNETT, Rockville Center, N.Y., is an administrative assistant at Kazemi Gallery in Garden City, N.Y.

MARK and **KARLA SEATON '91 BECKMAN**, Adel, Iowa, announce the birth of Cole Markus, July 30, 1994.

JONATHAN and Cathleen **BENDER**, Sacramento, Calif., announce the birth of Katherine Emma, March 29.

TODD and Maureen **CARLSON**, Eau Claire, Wis., announce the birth of Ryan, Feb. 9. Todd is a territory manager for Miller, Bradford and Resberg.

MINA WESENBERG FANTZ, Naples, Italy, teaches K-8 music at an International Montessori School.

HENRY HOWE and Elizabeth Elz, Fort Smith, Ark., were married April 23. Henry is a stock clerk with True Valu.

Jeff and **JOYCE BROWN KUETHE**, Marion, Iowa, announce the birth of Cole Wayne, Nov. 9.

Thomas and **MELISSA SENTS LINDAMAN**, Aplington, Iowa, announce the birth of Cole, July 19, 1994. He joins Kyle, 16. Melissa is a teacher associate with Allison-Bristow School.

JEFF MARTIN and Julie Lassahn, Sacramento, Calif., were married Jan. 31. Both are managers with Sam's Wholesale Club.

MICHELLE MILLER, New York, N.Y., is a financial analyst in the institutional equity division at Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.

Class of '95 sets records in gift project

The Wartburg Class of '95 broke all previous records in this year's Senior Class Gift Campaign. The class raised $45,360 in pledges from 185 seniors.

According to Doug Bowman '86, director of the Annual Fund, the Class of '93 held the previous record for total pledges with 171. The Class of '94 set the previous record for total dollars pledged with $42,370.

"This project represents pledges from nearly 65 percent of the class with an average pledge of $245 over five years," Bowman said. "That's quite an accomplishment considering many of these new alumni are still seeking employment or are headed to graduate school."

Co-chairing the campaign were Jenny Bye of Mason City, Iowa, and Matt Pries of Pella, Iowa. They directed an 18-person steering committee and 78 volunteers. Contributors will vote prior to their five-year class reunion on which Annual Fund project their gifts will support.

Mike and **JULIE HEILSKOV WILLMS**, Mason City, Iowa, announce the birth of Emily, Dec. 11. She joins Ashley, 2.

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AMY ARJES, Iowa City, Iowa, works for G.E. Capital, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

ROSA FLORES and Pablo Omar Lopez, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, announce the birth of Andre Omar, Oct. 15. Rosa is an administrative official for an international company.

VINCENT JOHNSON III and **RACHELLE KARSTENS '92**, Montezuma, Iowa, were married Feb. 16. Vincent is a self-employed farmer. Rachelle is an assistant district county attorney.

AMES KAROW, Red Wing, Minn., earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1993. He is a registered nurse in the intensive coronary care unit at St. John's Regional Health Center.

Dr. **JOHN "TONY" KEEGAN**, Grand Rapids, Mich., graduated from medical school in June and is now completing an obstetrics/gynecology residency.

JULIE NOTTGER and Kent Paca, Dubuque, Iowa, were married July 30. Julie is an account executive for KDUB-TV.

LAURIE OWEN and **MATTHEW HARRISON '93**, Davenport, Iowa, were married Oct. 1. Laurie earned a master's degree from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, Des Moines, Iowa. She is a physical therapist with Genesis Medical Center, West Campus. Matthew is a language arts teacher at Davenport Smart Middle School.

TRACY ROUDEBUSH, Roseville, Minn., is a travel agent at Dayton's Travel Service in Minneapolis, Minn.

DANIEL WRIGHT and **JANELL ZANGE '93**, Des Plaines, Ill., were married July 2. Dan is a senior medical student at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa.

Citations to honor alumni achievements

The Wartburg Alumni Association will present five Alumni Citations at this fall's Homecoming Alumni Dinner Friday, Oct. 20. The citations recognize contributions to and support of the college, vocational and professional achievements, and contributions to the community and/or church.

Dr. Karl D. Briner '61
Cedar Falls, Iowa

A former member of the Wartburg English faculty and director of the college's Chrysalis program, Briner was appointed judge in the Iowa First Judicial District, Black Hawk County, in 1994.

His first career was in teaching, including 10 years at Wartburg. His second career in law included five years in a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, practice before he became assistant public defender in Waterloo, Iowa, in 1983. Six years later, he was appointed first assistant public defender. He also has been an instructor at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and a lecturer in political science at the University of Northern Iowa.

He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Nebraska and his law degree at the University of Iowa.

Dr. William A. Fintel '79
Roanoke, Va.

Fintel is a practicing oncologist at the Lewis-Gale Regional Cancer Center in Salem, Va., a consultant for Duke University Medical School, and a member of the Roanoke, Va., board of the American Cancer Society.

He and a theologian, Dr. Gerald R. McDermott, co-authored a book, *A Medical and Spiritual Guide to Living with Cancer.* They also present frequent seminars on the topic. Fintel was at Wartburg in 1994 and will lead a similar session on Thursday, Oct. 19, as part of Homecoming events.

Fintel earned an M.D. degree at the University of Minnesota and completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Virginia.

Dr. Richard L. Wahl '74
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Wahl is director of nuclear imaging in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical Center. He is one of 100 physicians from Michigan listed in *The Best Doctors in America,* a book in which doctors selected the physicians from whom they would most like to receive care.

Wahl is noted for his research into new ways of detecting cancer through radioactive tracers. His work has been supported by the National Institutes of Health and the American Cancer Society, and he has been invited to present his findings in the United States and internationally. He received the Marc Tetalman Memorial award in 1986 and the Berson and Yalow Research Award in 1992 from the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

Wahl earned his M.D. degree at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo.

Jack V. Schemmel '53
Aurora, Colo.

A former Wartburg admissions counselor, alumni director, and placement director, Schemmel is being recognized for his continuing support of the college.

Since moving to Denver, Colo., in 1977, he has become actively involved with the Wartburg West program. He has served on the Wartburg West Alumni Advisory Committee since the program began in 1985. In addition to recruiting host families and locating internships, he has made it a point to meet each Wartburg West student personally. He also has been active in recruiting Colorado students for the college.

R. Thompson Zackery '73
Rochester, Minn.

Zackery is administrative coordinator of psychiatric services for the Mayo Clinic Psychiatry and Psychology Treatment Center.

A former member of the Alumni Board, he now serves on the Wartburg Board of Regents. He regularly speaks to Wartburg social work classes and arranges visits and workshops for students at the Mayo Clinic.

Zackery and his wife, Deborah, have been leaders in providing support to minority students. He was the first chair of the Wartburg Minority Alumni Advisory Committee.

Zackery earned his M.S.W. degree from the Jane Addams Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Illinois.

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STEVE ALLEY and DARCI KOHRT, Waverly, were married Aug. 6, 1994.

JASON BOAZ, Waterloo, Iowa, is the assistant golf pro at Gates Park Golf Course.

KRISTIN ERTZINGER, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a graphic artist in the newsroom of the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*.

MICHAEL GARNER and Roxanne Henry, Radcliffe, Iowa, were married Nov. 26. He is an investment officer with First Star Bank in Ames, Iowa.

JULIE HOLTAN, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a graduate student in music at the University of Northern Iowa.

ERIKA JOHNSON, North English, Iowa, is teaching fourth grade in the English Valley School District.

STERLING KINGERY and Jennifer Loos, Ames, Iowa, were married Dec. 31.

JEFFREY OLLIE, Clive, Iowa, works for Iowa Network Services.

Jeff and HEIDI EVERSMEYER ROETE, Oelwein, Iowa, announce the birth of Abigail Ann, Dec. 10.

JOHN STEARNS, Bondurant, Iowa, was promoted to the Fareway Store in Ankeny, Iowa.

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KRISTINE BOUMAN and MARK FRANZEN '94, Savanna, Ill., were married Sept. 24. Kris is a program manager for Area Residential Care in Dubuque, Iowa. Mark teaches social studies and is head boys' basketball coach in the Savanna School District.

MICHAEL BRUENE, Waterloo, Iowa, was promoted to news producer at KWWL television.

RODNEY BURNS and JENNIFER JANNING '94, Ottumwa, Iowa, were married Dec. 30. Rodney is manager of Captain & Co. Jennifer graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in May.

DOUGLAS CLARK and Kelly Jorgensen, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married Jan. 7. Douglas is a manager for Pizza Hut, Inc.

VICKI GLEASON CLINE and Roger Clemons, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were married Oct. 22. Vicki received her M.S.W. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a clinical social worker at Cedar Valley Mental Health Center in Waverly.

DEANN DERSCHEID, Mason City, Iowa, is an administrative assistant with AVCO Financial Services.

CHRISTINA ELWOOD and Brad Gehrke, Iowa City, Iowa, were married Dec. 31. They own and manage National Flight Management Corporation.

BRAD HOWE, Laurel, Md., is assistant director of sports marketing at the University of Maryland.

MARK KALLENBACH and JANELL GODFREY '94, West Des Moines, Iowa, were married Oct. 15. Mark is an administration specialist and Janell is a valuation assistant at The Principal Financial Group.

ERIC MAASSEN, Charlottesville, Va., is a law student at the University of Virginia.

Admissions Office lists facts for prospective students

If you have a prospective Wartburg student or potential transfer student in your family, keep the following information handy.

VISITATION DAYS

The Wartburg Admissions Office will host a Summer Visitation Day on Friday, Aug. 4. Fall Visitation Days are set for Friday, Oct. 13, and Friday, Nov. 10. Open Houses for Admitted Students will be held on Monday, March 25, and Friday, March 29. If you'd like to schedule an individual campus visit, call the Admissions Office to arrange a date. Summer hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

awarded on the basis of merit, not financial need

Wartburg's top scholarship competitions will be held in January and February. Regents and Presidential Scholarships are awarded on the basis of ACT scores, class rank, an essay, and an interview. The top Regents Scholarships offer full tuition, fees, room, and board for four years. Presidential Scholarships award up to $6,000 per year.

Regents Scholarship competitions will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27, and Sunday, Feb. 4. Presidential Scholarship Day is set for Sunday, Feb. 18.

Meistersinger Music Scholarships are awarded to new and transfer students on the basis of vocal, instrumental, or keyboard auditions and offer up to $2,500 year. Audition dates are Saturday, Jan. 20, Friday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Feb. 3.

Wartburg Incentive Grants, open to new students and transfers, offer $3,000 per year. New students qualify on the basis of class rank, ACT score, or grade point average. Transfer students qualify on the basis of cumulative grade point average.

Scholarships for transfer students also include four Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships, which award up to $5,000 per year, and Transfer Scholarships, which provide up to $1,500 per year.

ALUMNI, SIBLING TUITION GRANTS

Students who have an alumni parent or parents qualify for $1,000 per year through the Alumni Tuition Grant. The Sibling Tuition grant provides $1,000 per year to students who have a brother or sister currently attending Wartburg or a sibling who has graduated from Wartburg.

For more information, contact the Wartburg Admissions Office, 1-800-772-2085; FAX: 319-352-8579; Internet: admissions@Wartburg.edu.

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STEVEN MEIER, Roseville, Minn., is a youth minister with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minn.

ELIZABETH MYRE, Kasson, Minn., is a full-time teacher and is working toward an M.S. degree in education at Winona State University.

STEPHANIE PHELPS, Itasca, Ill., directs a daycare center in Lake Forest, Ill.

RUTH POTTER, Iowa City, Iowa, is a secretary/receptionist at the Mid-Eastern Iowa Community Mental Health Center.

BILLIE JO STEFFENSON and MARTIN TIMM '94, Davenport, Iowa, were married Oct. 1. She is a human resource assistant for Staff Management, Inc., in Bettendorf, Iowa. He is a credit manager for Norwest Financial.

SOMBOON THANARITHIPORN, Bangkok, Thailand, received his M.S. degree in finance from St. Louis University.

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MAHINDRA FRANCIS ABEYWARDANE and MELISSA COLLINS, Long Beach, Calif., were married March 18. He is employed at Independent Ink, Inc., Gardina, Calif.

JENNIFER LACOSTE BAUER, Stoughton, Wis., is a lead teacher with Harmony House.

RONNIE BILY, Clive, Iowa, is a premium auditor with ServCom Associates in West Des Moines, Iowa.

DEBORAH DUNKLEE, Mason City, Iowa, is a music therapy supervisor at Opportunity Village in Clear Lake, Iowa.

STACEY FRAIN, Rochester, Minn., is the associate director of enrollment services at Rochester Community College.

JULIE KESL, McGregor, Iowa, is a maintenance aide with Osborne Conservation Center in Elkader, Iowa.

CHRISTIAN KLOSTER, Lockport, Ill., is a senior account executive with Banc One Financial Services.

THOMAS KNEBEL, Ottumwa, Iowa, is a financial representative with American General Finance, Inc.

JEANNE LAHEY, Lake Mills, Iowa, is a lab technician with Eaton in Belmond, Iowa.

BRIAN LEHMAN, Des Moines, Iowa, is a salesperson with Von Maur.

CHRISTOPHER NEWTON, Greenfield, Iowa, works in helicopter repair for the U.S. Army.

STEPHANIE HESTERBERG RIECKENBERG, Waverly, is a substitute teacher in the Waverly area.

LAURA GARTON THOMPSON, Des Moines, Iowa, is a program coordinator for group homes with Bethphage.

HEATHER VAN GERPEN, Rock Valley, Iowa, is an evaluation case coordinator with Hope Haven, Inc.

JANICE VAN WYK and Thomas Davis, Garner, Iowa, were married Dec. 17.

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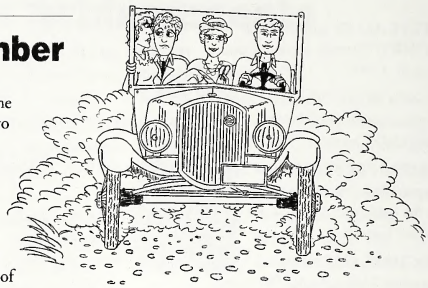
TERESA HARRENSTEIN, Grundy Center, Iowa, is an accountant with Aerial Services, Inc. in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

NICOLE WRIGHT and CHRISTOPHER JORDAN '96, Champaign, Ill., were married Jan. 7. Nicole is a senior nursing student at Parkland College.

WARTBURG STORIES

A date to remember



Ernest Koopman '31 had a long time to savor his first Wartburg date. For two weeks afterward, he was confined to the campus.

"It was November 1929, and I was a very bashful farm boy away from my Illinois home for the first time," Koopman relates. "Otto Kroger ('30) owned an old Dodge coupe, one of about four student cars on the college campus. He had a girlfriend, and she had a sister."

On a nice Saturday afternoon in November, Otto and his girlfriend decided to drive to Waterloo. Since her sister wanted to go along, Kroger asked Koopman, a fellow resident of Grossmann Hall, to accompany them.

"It was the first real date of my life," Koopman recalls.

In those days, men could leave the campus at will. Women had to sign out when they left the dormitory and obtain permission from the hall matron to go out of town. The sisters, who lived in Wartburg Hall, had done neither. As luck would have it, no sooner had the foursome arrived in Waterloo than they ran into the Wartburg Hall matron.

"Not a word was said at that time, but on Monday morning, Otto and I were told to go to the office of President August Engelbrecht," Koopman says.

The president's concern went beyond the women leaving campus without permission. He also viewed their car ride to Waterloo with some alarm.

"Since the car has only one seat, I suppose somebody had to sit on someone's lap," Koopman recalls the president intoning.

The men pleaded guilty and were "campused" for two weeks. The sisters got the same sentence from the Wartburg Hall matron.

Despite this ignominious beginning, Koopman went on to become president of Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Company in Waverly, now Century Companies of America. Now retired, he lives in Bella Vista, Ark. Kroger, a retired farmer, resides in Inwood, Iowa.

JULY

5-7 **Laboratory Pursuits Camp**

7-9 **American Baptist Women's Ministries Conference**

10 **New Student Registration and Orientation**

11 **Second Summer Session begins** (through Aug. 14)

21-23 **Church of the Brethren Conference**

23-27 **Men's Basketball Camp**

30-Aug. 2 **Men's Basketball Camp**

AUGUST

2-5 **Football Camp**

4 **Summer Visitation Day**

6-10 **Cross Country Camp**

12-14 **Meistersinger All-State Music Camp**

19-21 **Meistersinger All-State Music Camp**

29 **Waverly Outfly Picnic**

SEPTEMBER

1 **New Students Arrive**

4–Oct. 2 **Granlund Sculpture Exhibit**—Fine Arts Center Gallery, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. daily.

5 **Returning Students Arrive**

6 **Classes Begin**

7 **Grand Opening, South Campus Entrance and Courtyard**

Opening Convocation—Campus Courtyard (Neumann Aud. in case of rain), 9:30 a.m., artist Paul Granlund.

President's Round Table

19 **Leadership Convocation**—Neumann Aud., 9:30 a.m., Professor Benjamin Barber, Rutgers University.

22-24 **Family Weekend**

Antique Show and Sale—East Room, Student Union

OCTOBER

6 **Artist Series**—Neumann Aud., 8 p.m., Butch Thompson Trio

8–Nov. 10 **Art & Technology Exhibit**—Fine Arts Center Gallery, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. daily.

9 **Classroom Technology Center Dedication**

Futures Project Convocation—Neumann Aud., 7:30 p.m., John McChesney, technology reporter, National Public Radio

10 **Futures Project Sessions**—9:30 a.m.–2 p.m., "Technology and the Future"

13 **Fall Visitation Day**—An event for prospective students hosted by the Admissions Office.

20-22 **Homecoming Weekend** (see schedule on back cover)

20 **Professional Social Work Conference**—Kickoff event for the 50th anniversary year of Wartburg's social work program

21 **Wartburg Community Symphony Concert**—Neumann Aud., 8 p.m.

22 **Grossmann Hall Dedication**

24 **Convocation**—Neumann Aud., 9:30 a.m., Deborah Lefkowicz, filmmaker

26-29 **Fall Term Break**

27-28 **Iowa Psychological Association Conference**

30 **Artist Series**—Neumann Aud., 8 p.m., *An Italian Straw Hat*

Outfly Picnic Schedule

JULY

18 Twin Cities, Minn.

AUGUST

1 Des Moines, Iowa

6 Chicago, Ill., Ravinia

10 Omaha, Neb./Council Bluffs, Iowa

21 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

29 Waverly

Dates to be announced

Muscatine, Iowa, Kent Riverboat

Denver, Colo.

Atlanta, Ga.

Northern California

Southern California

Questions about calendar items may be directed to Karen Funk at the Wartburg Visitors Center, 319-352-8286.

The Wartburg College Alumni Association

presents the following tour opportunities

JUNE 1996

Alaska

June 15-27

Israel & Rome

Two weeks in late June

Wartburg alumni, parents, families, and friends welcome.

For details, contact:

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Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 20–22

Thursday, Oct. 19

Dialogue with Dr. William Fintel '79, co-author of *A Medical and Spiritual Guide to Living with Cancer.*

Friday, Oct. 20

Professional Social Work Conference

Alumni Golf Tournament

Bachman Book Signing

Alumni Dinner honoring Alumni Citation recipients:

- Judge K.D. Briner '61
- Dr. Richard Wahl '74
- Dr. William Fintel '79
- R. Thompson Zackery '73
- Jack Schemmel '53

Kastle Kapers

Knight Kap

Saturday, Oct. 21

Homecoming Parade, D.D. Starr, Grand Marshal

CLASS REUNIONS: '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90

SPECIAL REUNIONS:

- 50-Year Club
- Wartburg West's 10th anniversary
- 25-year championship basketball team
- Dr. Robert E. Lee's band alumni
- Trailerville's 45th anniversary
- Alpha House alumni

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:

- 50th Anniversary of Wartburg Social Work

Renaissance Faire

Football Game, Wartburg vs. William Penn

Departmental Coffees

Oktoberfest

Steak/Chicken Fry

Wartburg Community Symphony Concert

Sunday, Oct. 22

Society of Collegiate Journalists Breakfast

Worship Service

Grossmann Hall Dedication

Homecoming Concert

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